

REFORMATION SUNDAY



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 27, 2024 | 10:45 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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10:45 AM Praise 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

Gathering Music

Praise Team

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

- ☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. ☑ Amen.

- ☐ Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Gracious God, ☑ 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.**

- ☐ 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. ☑ Amen.

*Gathering Song

"This Is The Day"

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson and Tiarne Tranter; © 2022 CityAlight Music

Chorus

This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice as we lift His name
This is the day that the Lord has made
Come and rejoice we will rejoice and be glad
in it

Verse 1

Whether the sun will shine
Whether the skies will rain
I know that You are good
And this is the day You made
Whether in life or death
Whether in joy or pain
I know this truth remains
That this is the day You made

Chorus

This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice as we lift His name
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Bridge

This is the day
Come and sing your praise
For the Lord now reigns
On the throne of grace
Soon is the day
He will bring us home
And we have this hope
For we are His own

*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

☞ 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.

☞ **Amen.**

WORD

Stories of Abundance

Tammy Frink

First Reading

☞ A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 35:31-34

At conclusion of reading

Pew Bible, Page 721

☞ The Word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 *(Read Responsively, Non-Bold Text will be read by right side (facing altar) & Bold text will be read by left side.)*

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

☞ **Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth should change,**

- though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**
- ☐ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
 - ☐ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
 - ☐ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
 - ☐ **The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- ☐ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
 - ☐ **Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**
 - ☐ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
 - ☐ **"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**
 - ☐ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Reading

☐ A reading from Romans.

At conclusion of reading

☐ The Word of the Lord. ☐ **Thanks be to God**

Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible, Page 1026

Children's Message

*Gospel Reading

☐ The holy gospel according to John.

At conclusion of gospel reading

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

John 8: 31-36

Pew Bible, Page 975

Meditation

Pastor Karen Boda

*Song of the Day

"Grace"

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Verse 1

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Verse 2

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

Chorus

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Verse 3

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner (*Chorus*)

Baptism of Bennett Easthon

Pew Bible, Page 227

*Baptism Song

"Borning Cry"

Words and Music By John C. Ylvisaker; © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

Verse 1

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

Verse 2

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

*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. **G** And also with you.
(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God's peace.)

Verse 4

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour (*Chorus 2x*)

Verse 3

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

Verse 4

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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.

Offering Anthem

“Only By Grace”

Praise Team

Words and Music by Tim Hughes and Kathryn Scott

*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.**

*Words of Institution

*Lord’s Prayer

C 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

Communion/Communion Songs

“A Mighty Fortress”

Words and Music by Christy Nockels and Nathan Nockels; © 2009 sixsteps Music | Sweater Weather Music | worshiptogether.com songs

Verse 1

Our God is a consuming fire
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom
Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

Chorus

And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You
A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign

Verse 2

Our God is jealous for His own

None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens forever He is worthy

Chorus

And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You
A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign

Ending

With You forever we will reign
With You forever we will reign

"As For Me And My House"

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Verse 1

Oh choose you this day whom you will serve
The kingdom of heaven or the powers of earth
Has He not spoken have you not heard
There is but one true God

Verse 2

The God of our fathers set us free
His Son paid the price for our covenant peace
Through generations His mercy speaks
We trust in one true God

Chorus

As for me and my house
We will serve serve the Lord
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord our God

Verse 3

This house is the Lord's and all within
May it be pleasing and holy to Him
Joined by His Spirit His people sing
Great is the one true God
Oh great is the living God

Chorus

As for me and my house
We will serve serve the Lord
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord our God

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Words and Music by Matt Maher; © 2013 Thankyou music | Spiritandsong.com

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong

You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Final Chorus

Remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

***Post Communion Blessing**

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

***Prayer After Communion**

A 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. **A** Amen.

Announcements

SENDING

***Blessing**

P God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
A Amen.

***Sending Song**

"A Mighty Fortress"

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Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3

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.

Verse 4

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!

***Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus!

G Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Praise Team

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