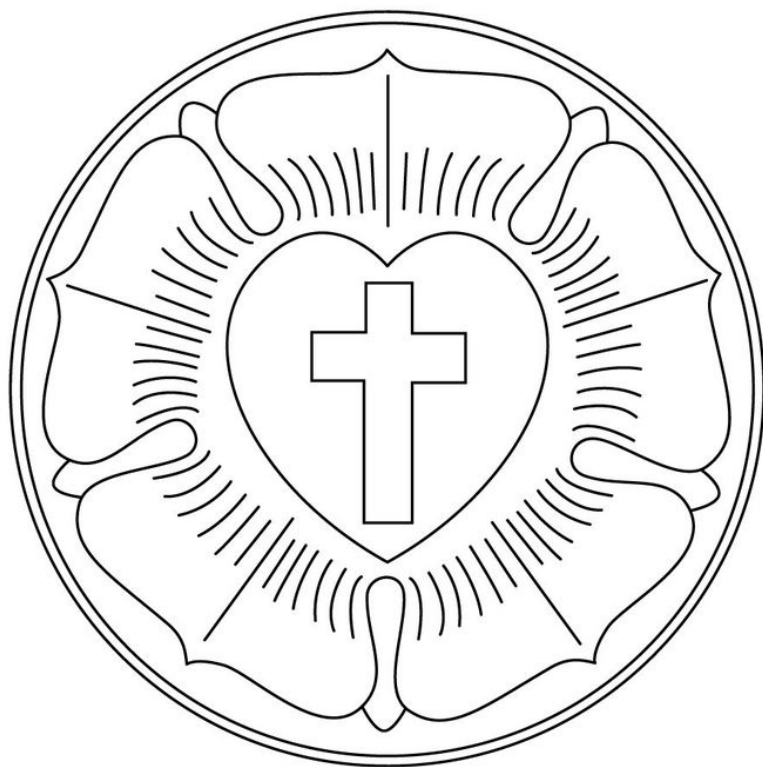


REFORMATION SUNDAY

30 October 2022



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Service of Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

Prelude / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(There is a time of silence for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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 your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn #504 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Greeting (page 138)

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.

♫ **Kyrie** (pages 138-139)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

♫ **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

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

P: Let us pray. *concluding:* **C: Amen**

Readings

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

Gospel Acclamation

**♫ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon – Pastor Paul Holmer

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Hymn #517 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful...our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

♫ **Great Thanksgiving** (page 144)

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....and join their unending hymn:

♫ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

Holy Communion is celebrated today.

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

♫ **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.**

Hymn #462 “Now We Join in Celebration”

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle (Hymn 204)

**♪ Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev’ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and bear Christ’s holy name.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn #820 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Ring of the Bell / Postlude

Thank you to **Rev. Paul Holmer** for joining us and leading us in worship this morning. Thank you for sharing your gifts of the Spirit on this Reformation Sunday.

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

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This Week At A Glance

Wednesday	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	8:30 pm	High School Bible study at Faith
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior's
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30	Worship service at Faith

Those to keep in prayer Cathy Goddard, Ruth Braet, Lucy Lee Petersen, Velma Jensen, Megan Mineck Wentland, Ryan Dick, Tim Burke, Barb Johnson; the homebound: Norman Bousselot, Carol Christensen, Shirley Ferguson, Ron Gasper, Myrna Kay Petersen, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand, and Joan Shelton; and those serving in the military.

On **Sunday, October 30th**, there will be a special monetary donation to support the **Carroll Assistance Center** in Wheatland. The Carroll Assistance Center has been providing resources to Western Clinton County and surrounding areas since 1967. Supporting them is a simple way to support people in our community that are in need.

All Saint's Sunday will be November 6th. There is a sign up sheet to remember our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year.

Youth kickball will be held today, October 30th, at Christian Free Lutheran Church in Wheatland beginning at 12:00 pm. The God Squad youth are joining up with our neighbors for an afternoon of kickball, hotdogs and smores. Contact Heather Grau at 563.424.0507 and let her know if you can make it or with any questions.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, **Youth Cookie Baking Night** will start at 7:00pm at Faith. Confirmation, Bible Jam and JH/HS youth are invited to help make cookies for the bake sale.

On Sunday, November 6th, the God Squad will have a **Bake Sale for the 2022 Angel Tree program**. Funds raised will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for local children in need through the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and the DeWitt Referral Center.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Try reading the book of Acts in the Bible and not getting excited about the growth of the early church. The disciples heard and obeyed the risen Christ when he commanded, "go into all the world and preach the gospel." (Matthew 28:19)

Through that phenomenal growth, the Roman Catholic Church developed. It was the only official body of believers for hundreds of years until the great schism in 1054. At times there was discord among Roman Catholic leaders. But when one 16th-century priest publically disagreed with some practices, it was a turning point in church history.

In autumn, 1517, the sound of a hammer was heard throughout the world and it did not come from a construction site. It originated in the heart and soul of a Roman Catholic priest who had had enough of the corruption and false teaching streaming out of Rome—Martin Luther.

Luther took a bold and dangerous step as he nailed a paper to the door of a Cathedral in Wittenberg, Germany on which he had written 95 complaints against the only Christian community of his day - his own Church. It is known as the 95 theses.

It went down in history as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The protests that were written that day for the public to see began the most dramatic reform within Christianity.

It did not take many days after the appearance of these complaints for discontent to grow into conflict. Some believers wanted change and some did not. Fearing for Martin Luther's safety, a sympathetic friend led him into the protection of a castle

It was there that Luther reaffirmed the strength and comfort of a mighty God. Within his temporary hiding place, the words of Psalm 46:1 came alive and vibrant for him: *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble."*

During those days of solitude, prayer and Bible study, Luther began a translation of the Scriptures into German. He firmly believed that "all people must be able to read God's word for themselves." It was the accepted norm of the day that the Bible, written in Latin, was only read by the priest.

Likewise, he believed that church music was for everyone to sing. "The devil who is the originator of sorrowful anxieties and restless trouble, flees before the sound of God's music almost as much as before the Word of God," Luther declared.

With that inspiration, he composed the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." It is a bold affirmation of our powerful and loving God:

*"A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal."*

Luther was armed with renewed determination that he would not recant his protests against the Catholic Church. After a struggle of several years with officials in Rome, he was excommunicated in 1520.

This was only the beginning of his continued teaching and preaching with great enthusiasm. He proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ to small gatherings. Soon those new fellowships of Christian believers grew. Some scoffed at them by calling them, "Lutherans." Thus, the first denomination was named.

He died in 1546 at the age of sixty three in the town of his birth, Eisleben, Saxony, Germany. Not a perfect man, Luther was known at times to be crass, harsh, and he held to many of the prejudices that were prevalent in his day. As the saying goes: the best of men are men at best. We can all be thankful that God raises up and uses unworthy people like us to accomplish His ends.

From the writings of professor Kenneth Osbeck in *101 Hymn Stories*, we read that Luthers' famous hymn is the most powerful one of the Protestant Reformation. Osbeck writes: "It became the battle cry of the people, a great source of strength .This hymn has been translated into practically every known language and is regarded as one of the noblest and most classic examples of Christian hymnody."

This hymn covers the full sweep of the Christian's life. In it, we find the answer to conflict, striving, spiritual warfare, and at last, victory. The second verse describes it beautifully:

*"Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that might be? Christ Jesus it is He.
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same.
And He must win the battle."*

Written by Lucy Neeley Adams (www.52hymns.com)

THE FIVE SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

SOLA FIDE (FAITH ALONE) – People are saved only through trusting Christ, not by good works.

- *“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” (Romans 3:28)*
- *“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” (Romans 4:5)*

SOLUS CHRISTUS (CHRIST ALONE) – People are saved only through Christ and do not need to go through a priest or anyone else.

- *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)*
- *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)*

SOLA SCRIPTURA (SCRIPTURE ALONE) – The Bible is God’s written Word, and it alone, not human tradition or the church, is the final, perfect, authority for what we believe and do.

- *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
- *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)*

SOLA GRATIA (GRACE ALONE) – People are saved only by God’s grace. Salvation is a gift that cannot be deserved, bought, or earned.

- *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)*
- *“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:24)*

SOLI DEO GLORIA (FOR GOD’S GLORY ALONE) – God alone will receive all glory, including for man’s salvation. Man cannot boast in God’s sight, but must honor God as supremely important and valuable.

- *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. (Romans 11:36)*
- *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)*