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Reformation Sunday

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p.56

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

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

GREETING p.57

L: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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L: Let us pray.....

C: O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING – Revelation 14:6-7

L: The First Lesson is from the 14th chapter of Revelation.

6 Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth – to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 46

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

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

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

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

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

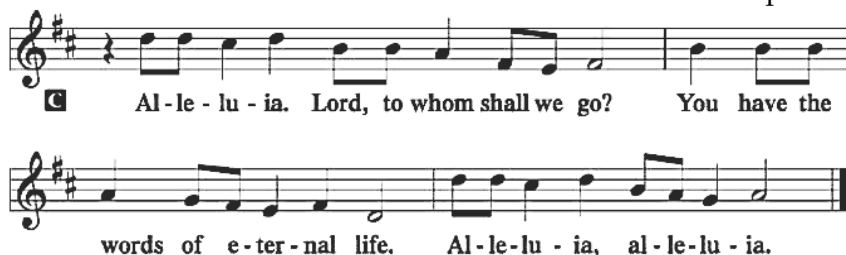
L: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

19 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. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: Here ends the reading.

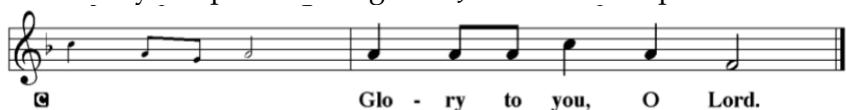
GOSPEL VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St John the 8th chapter.



John 8:31-36

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 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'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Third Grade Bible Presentation

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten

“How Well do You Know Martin Luther?”

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

APOSTLE’S CREED

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**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 Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RECEIVE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

C: Create in me a clean heart O God

And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from your presence

And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation

And uphold me with your free spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

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L: Let us pray,

**C: Father, we come before you with joyful hearts, eager to give
back a portion of what you have given us. May our tithes and
offerings be a blessing to others as they have been to us. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.

BENEDICTION & AMEN

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L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There will be a basket out all month, if you would like to leave Pastor Ann a note, appreciation card or anything you would like to leave.

SPECIAL MEETING: There will be a special meeting of the congregation immediately following worship on 10/26/2025 to vote on issuing a call to Pastor Ann Auten.

NOVEMBER 16th - Women's annual meeting after church

NOVEMBER 23rd is Women's Thank Offering. This is the last collection of coins to be collected

Thank you to everyone who attended our mission festival! Your gifts of hospitality, food and offerings were much appreciated by Pastor Siimon Haame and we were all blessed by them!

The following children will receive their Bibles today during the Children's Sermon: Jett Vigil, Kade Lehmann, Tucker and CJ Hoffman

The SCMA will be sponsoring a pancake feed on November 8th from 5:00-7:00 at the Nazarene Church. Proceeds will support emergency funds and the food pantry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 28 @ 6:30 pm – New Bible Study! 2nd Peter

Oct. 29 @ 9:00 am – Morning Circle

@ 9:00 am - 12:00 am - Pastor's Office Hours

@ Noon - Bulletin Deadline

@ 6:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Oct.30 @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch Assisted Living

It's not too late to join our 2nd Peter Bible study! How Do We Resist False Teaching?

In this six-session series through 2 Peter, we will learn how to be more like Jesus in everything we do as we wait for His coming!. Bring your Bible!

Next Sunday is All Saint's Sunday. There will be a candle lighting ceremony during the service to remember loved ones who have gone to the church triumphant!

Scriptures: Nov. 2nd

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm: 149

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON TITLE: "BLESSED ARE YOU"

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