**Worship Plan for Sunday, October 30, 2022** **\* Reformation Sunday**

**Introduction to the day**

Rooted 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.

**Gathering:** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Greeting:** Welcome to worship today, we are glad to have you with our Faith Lutheran Church community. I'm Pr. John Barton and I will be leading our service today. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER: Announcements**

Monday, the 31st: Council meets at 1:00 in person and Zoom

Wednesday, the 2nd:  Bible Study Leaders meet at 9:30 in person; Game Day is at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, the 4th: Al-Anon meets at 10:30 in the library; Pacifica WELCA Convention & Gathering is from 2:00pm to 9:00pm at Hope Lutheran in Temecula.

Saturday, the 5th: Pacifica WELCA Convention & Gathering is from 9:00am to 2:30pm at Hope Lutheran in Temecula.

November 6th is All Saints Sunday. Please bring photos and/or mementos of loved ones who have passed.

November 13th we will have pizza and a movie for the youth after the service.

For more information and a complete monthly calendar, contact the church office. Thank you!

**Welcome of New Members**

P: We are here this morning to welcome these new members into our community of Faith Lutheran Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus’ death and resurrection. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of Faith Lutheran Church? If so please answer: “We do.”

**New Members: We do.**

P: I ask the congregation to stand and join in confessing our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**A: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**A: 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**A: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Having together confessed our faith in the Triune God, we now welcome you into the family of our congregation and into the ministry of the church. As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread his Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

**Congregation: We welcome you as brothers and sisters in Christ, and thank God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to whom we belong equip us for every good work that we do together in God’s name.**

**New Members: We welcome and accept your invitation and commit ourselves to using our time and talents for the good of the congregation.**

P: We welcome you and present you with this Bible to help you on your journey in faith.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, as you called James and John, Simon and Andrew to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us these new members of Faith Lutheran Church. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them. Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through our interactions and through your ever-present love and grace. We pray all of this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,

**A: Amen**

P: Let us welcome our new members with a round of applause as they return to their seats!

**And now please turn to page 810**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**Gathering Song:*O Jesus, I Have Promised* (ELW 810)**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **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.**

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

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 your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

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:** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 46**

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

2**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

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

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

5God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

6**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

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

8**Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;**

9behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

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

**Amen.**

**Second 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)**

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

**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**

**And now please turn to page 654**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**Hymn of the Day:*The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)**

**Confirmation OPENING AND WELCOME**

P: Welcome in the name of God who creates, saves, and calls us with love that lasts forever.

**A: Amen**.

P: Even before you were born and baptized. God delighted in you and called you Beloved.

You were claimed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ whether you knew it or not, whether you liked it or not.  And the Holy Spirit was equipping you with unique gifts and talents to share as a partner in God's creative work in the world.

Lest you grow up thinking that God loves you from an abstract or accidental distance, the baptismal promises were spoken to you, for you, and together with your name.

Your family, sponsors, and congregation gathered around you in the midst of worship and community to declare God's love and salvation for you.

This happened on a particular day in human history, marked by the calendar and the memories of the people who showed up. Seeds of faith were planted in your story. We give thanks for those who pray for you and nourish your spirit.

They are signs of God's promises at work in your life.

You have invited us to gather as witnesses as you affirm your baptismal promises today. We celebrate your participation in Christian community, worship, service, prayer, and study for the sake of your sacred calling as human beings who are discovering good purpose and passion in this life.

**STATEMENTS OF FAITH**

P: At this time, I will invite our head confirmation teacher to come forward, followed by the confirmands’ statements of faith.

Congregation, please rise as you are willing and able.

P: Together with your siblings in Christ, you wish to profess your faith in God and reject sin. We make these bold statements not because we are absolutely certain about these things, but because we are always becoming faithful to them and learning to wrestle with these claims about our relationship with God. We join our voices with yours to remind you that we are all in this together.

 When you were baptized, we stood with you to speak God's truth about power, value, and love.

We promised to reject the voices that would challenge your first and forever identity as beloved children of God.

Now we invite you to stand with us in defiance of the forces of sin and evil, trusting that the same Spirit who had the power to raise Jesus Christ from the dead is alive in you.

P: People of God:

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that pull us away from God? If so, say, "We do!"

**C: We do!**

Do you promise to continue supporting these children of God, affirming them through all circumstances with their first and forever name: Beloved? Do you promise to hold healthy and safe space for them to keep growing in faith, so they learn to trust there is nothing they can do to make God love them any more or any less than they are already loved in Jesus? If so, say, "We do!"

**C: We do!**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 the dead. 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Please be seated.

P: Your baptism gathered a cloud of witnesses to speak promises on behalf of the whole Christian church.

Your spiritual family grew to include sponsors, friends, and church members who have been keeping those promises and carrying your faith on your behalf.

Today we ask you to make these same promises, claiming your call to active participation in the nurturing of your spirit and the work of the church on earth.

Will you join us in practicing your faith and keeping these responsibilities: to live among God's faithful people, to pray daily, to hear the word of God and share the Supper, to learn the prayers, creeds, and commandments, to open the holy Scriptures, to be nurtured by the faith and prayers of others, so that you learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace?

If so, say together: I will, and I ask God to help me.

**Those affirming their baptism: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

**CONFIRMATION**

 P: Family members and teachers, please come forward. Confirmands, please kneel together as you are willing and able at the rail:

Gracious God,

Thanks to the free gift of eternal life through Jesus, death's power is destroyed! And, since death isn't so scary anymore, we are freed for more courage and joy in our daily lives that can witness to your great love.

With consent, they lay hands on those affirming their faith

For each confirmand: Continue to bless [name] Pour out your Holy Spirit upon [name]; with dignity, belonging, and purpose that come from you, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Amen.

People of God, let us welcome our newly confirmed members!

**C:** **We celebrate your faith, your voice, and your unfolding story as beloved children of God! On behalf of the whole church on earth, we will continue to pray for your faith and give thanks for you.**

**God bless you! AMEN!**

**And now please turn to page 720**

**Post-Confirmation Hymn:*We Are Called* (ELW 720)**

**Pastor and Assisting Minister: Prayers of Intercession**

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

God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis, especially Nancy Blackmer; JoLynne Buehring; Arnette Calkins; Julie Chevraux; Vicki Crow; Carole Erickson; Kally Homchick; Brian Kniss and family; Loni Knowles; Sandra Miller; Carol Morris; Sheila Neal; Andrew Quinn; Marilyn Rieti; Yolanda Rosales; JoAnne Schriock; Bill and Dee Seel; Amy Sinclair; Joyce Stromberg; Dennis and Carol Sutherland; Diana Ward; Julie Wrankle; the homebound; the Emergency responders; and those grieving and anticipating surgery/tests.  We especially pray for those affected by COVID-19 and those who have lost loved ones. At this time we also pray for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering**

At this time, we remember that the giving of our offering is an authentic part of worship. Whether you give of your time, talents, or treasures, a combination of them, or are discerning how you can give to God's beloved community, thank you so much for all the ways you give and help to make the ministries of this church possible!

**ASSISTING MINISTER: Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Meal:** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 153)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNION**

As you are comfortable, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. All of God's children are welcome to Christ's table.

You may kneel or stand at the altar rail, I will distribute the communion elements or if you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. You may commune yourself once you've received the communion elements. If you are concerned about spillage, place a napkin in your hand, commune the bread first, turn over the vessel and then carefully open the grape juice. There is also a gluten free option available, ask me at the rail. Please deposit empty cups in the provided baskets on your way back to your seat.

If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, indicate by raising your hand for the Assisting Minister to see and they will bring communion to you.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**During Distribution (sinG twice):*In the Singing (*ELW 466)**

**During Distribution (REPEATEDLY):*Eat This Bread (ELW 472)***

**Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

**Amen.**

**And now please turn to page 503**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**Sending Song:*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (ELW 503)**

**ASSISTING MINISTER: Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Invitation**

The Church Council Members and I would like to invite guests and visitors to come and meet us in the narthex as you exit so that we can meet and welcome you.

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