



REFORMATION

S U N D A Y

Pastor Nathan
October 25, 2020

Reformation (observed)

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8 am and 11 am Worship Service

As We Gather

To the consternation of His opponents, Jesus announced that those who abide in His Word know the truth, which sets them free. And the truth, Paul points out in the Epistle, is that God has declared us justified, not guilty under His Law, because of His gracious gift of faith in Christ. That gift frees us from fearing God's righteous wrath; we are confident that the Lord of hosts is with us. Sure of His presence and protection, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. Rather, in all that we think, say, and do, we are free to respond to the angelic invitation we hear today: "fear God and give Him glory . . . and worship Him who made heaven and earth" (Revelation 14:7).

Welcome and Announcements

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657 (vs. 1-3)

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.

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.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Lord of hosts,

hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from

all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. The LORD of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!

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Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r 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.

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!

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Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord,

pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

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This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Epistle

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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

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are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

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Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come 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.

Amazing Grace

LSB 744

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

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Message

Pastor Nathan McCarty

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,

Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing
breath.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

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Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.

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From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;

From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.

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Dismissal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 (vs. 1,2,5)

The Church's one foundation

Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is His new creation

By water and the Word.

From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
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Family Contemporary

9:30 am Worship Service

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Holy Communion

Distribution Song(s): Solos

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

Music

Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God by the congregation.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Birthdays this week

Megan Huber, Emma Williams, Lyle Young, Wayne Lorenz, Mylasia Baskin, Jasper Richards, David Huber, Kayla Gruhn, Billy Maxwell, Charlee Troester, Matthew Gray, Pam Kessler

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Christy Barringer, Renee Boone, Pastor Dana Brones, Ben Bryant, Deborah A. Brewer, Ann Cirillo, Charlotte Cobb and family, Sue Eischen, Denise Ewing, Elsie Eifler, Lisa Parnaby Isaacs, Kim M. Johnston, Marco Kernan, Jeanne Mackert, Joan & Norm Mattmuller, Erica McCarty, Jeff Moe, Wanda Morton, Bea Pearson, Cruz Rangel, Dennis Rickert, Jeannie & Roger Roman, Sylvia Spiering

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation (observed)

- 8 & 11 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) led by Pastor Bicknase
Studying 1 Peter
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Upper Room) led by Carol Pietrasiuk
Studying 2 Peter
- 11 am Live Stream on BLC Facebook
- 12:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation (Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 28

- 9:30 am Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 11 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation (Upper Room)
- 7 pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) led by Alex Limbaugh

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints' Day

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Announcements

New Member Class—November 4, 11, 18th, please sign up on the bulletin board

Baby Bottle Campaign—Return October 25th

Fill the bottle and return to BLC for First Coast Women's Services
Will you give the gift of life to unborn children?

Private communion

If you are not comfortable coming back to church, please call Pastor Nathan to set up a time to come in for communion or email revnathan@bethlehemlutheranjaxbeach.org

Trunk of Treat

October 30th - Start thinking of ways to decorate your trunks and be ready to pass out some treats. All kids welcome. Help is also needed to run game stations. Contact Brenda Murray to volunteer or if any questions. Let's make this fun for the neighborhood.

Daylight Savings Time

November 1

Hunger Fight

November 2

LWML Sunday

November 8, 2020 – Wear your purple!

We are planning a table display in the courtyard and we will have some goodies to give away. But most importantly we will be holding a food drive for the Beam Food Bank. Please bring your non-perishable donations on November 8th and drop them in the bins we will have by our tables. Check the insert for items needed.

Senior Cards

November 9

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Advent by Candlelight

2 pm - December 5, 2020, please talk with Bonnie Arndt if you are able to help.

Monday, December 7

Senior Shuffler's "Masked" Christmas Party – 9:30 cards – 11 Lunch. Bring a gift under \$20 to share after the luncheon. Everyone welcome!

SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

Worshippers should not assemble in the Narthex.

- 8:00 Sunday service will be "wearing of masks is mandatory" (100% of the time – as congregation arrives, during service and while congregation exits)
- 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday service will have wearing of masks mandatory when within 6 feet of another person (non-family) and over 6 years old
- wearing of masks is voluntary when not within 6 feet of another person (non-family)

Welcome Guests!

We hope you feel loved and that you are challenged by the theme and message today.

If you desire a prayer, write it on the prayer card and drop it in the offering plate and we will pray for you throughout the week.

Please see an usher or elder should you have any questions or need more information. We are here to serve you and strive to make your worship experience the best it can be at Bethlehem.

Holy Communion

As Lutherans, we believe that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper, together with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your faith, you are welcome at our altar.

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Sunday Worship Services

8 am and 11 am (*Traditional Worship*)

9:30 am (*Family-Contemporary*)