

# Reformation

## 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

# Reformation Day (observed)

## Thursday, October 26 & Sunday, October 29, 2017

### AS WE GATHER

“It’s still all about Jesus.” It was all about Jesus when the Lord God first promised a Savior to Adam, Eve, and their descendants. It was all about Jesus with every foretelling of the coming Christ by Old Testament prophets. It was all about Jesus at the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. It was all about Jesus as the apostle Paul penned, “We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Romans 3:28). It was all about Jesus when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. It’s still all about Jesus today as we receive the Means of Grace—Word and Sacrament. It will be all about Jesus when He returns in glory on the Last Day. As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we celebrate that it always has been, and always will be, all about Jesus!

**HYMN** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” .....LSB 904 Δ

### INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)*

*P: Confession has two parts.*

**C: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

*P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed**

**to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*P: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I, by virtue of my office, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

#### **INTROIT**

*Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

*P: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.*

**C: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

*P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.*

**C: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

*P: The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.*

#### **KYRIE**

*P: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*P: Lord, have mercy upon us.*



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
 Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: 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.*

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup> And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 3:19–28*

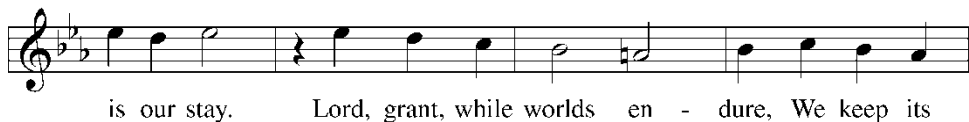
<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom 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. <sup>26</sup> It 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. <sup>27</sup> Then 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. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"..... *LSB 582*

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it



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**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 8:31–36*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ..... *LSB 657*

**SERMON**

**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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Let us pray to the Lord, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, beseeching Him to have mercy and hear us.*

*Lord God, while we travel as pilgrims here on earth, give us comfort in the knowledge that You have called us to be Your disciples through water and the Word. In the midst of difficult times, when waters roar and foam and mountains tremble, give us confidence in knowing that we have been set free by the Son, and so we are free indeed! The Lord of hosts is with us;*

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*P: Lord God, as Your children, we are called to love You, our neighbor, and even our enemy. Give us willing hearts to love our neighbor as ourselves because You first loved us. The Lord of hosts is with us;*

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*P: Lord God, You are greater than the one who is in the world, prowling and seeking to devour us. Deliver us from the old evil foe, knowing that he cannot harm us because he has been defeated by Your Son's death and resurrection. Give us strength to resist Satan, and keep us firm in the faith You have given us. The Lord of hosts is with us;*

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*P: Lord God, Your Son bought us with His lifeblood as the price. In Him, we are set free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. By Your Holy Spirit working through Your Word, preserve us in the one true faith, that we might abide in You until You bring us to the place You have prepared for us in Your house. The Lord of hosts is with us;*

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*P: Lord God, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, confident that for the sake of Jesus, You hear and answer. Lord, have mercy!*

**C: Amen.**

### **OFFERING**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

### **PREFACE**

*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 Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

*P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have proclaimed an eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. For this Gospel, centered in Jesus Christ, we give You glory, and we worship You, who made heaven and earth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

**SANCTUS** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" ..... LSB 940

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,**



**Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

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### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have justified us by Your grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. You put Your Son forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.*

*Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

### **THE 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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** "Not What These Hands Have Done" ..... LSB 567

**Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.**

**Thy grace alone, O God,  
To me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,  
Can this sore bondage break.**

**I bless the Christ of God,  
I rest on love divine,  
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart  
I call this Savior mine.**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "By Grace I'm Saved" ..... LSB 566

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*P: Let us pray Luther's Evening Prayer.*

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*P: 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.**

**HYMN** "Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll" ..... Tune: LSB 492

**Though all our life is like a scroll  
Unrolled with blemished pages;  
Though sin has shredded what was whole  
And death is now our wages;**

**Yet here we stand in confidence,  
With Jesus as our sole defense,  
For He alone still saves us.**

**Though pompously we try to dress  
In costumes of our making;  
Though fig leaves of self-righteousness  
Are futile and heartbreaking;  
Yet filthy rags Christ gladly wore  
So we would perish nevermore.  
His grace alone still clothes us.**

**Though critics cut out Scripture's claims  
And treat them with derision;  
Though they conduct their hostile aims  
With scalpels of suspicion;  
Yet how the living, two-edged sword  
Proclaims the dead and risen Lord!  
God's Word alone: still truthful.**

**Now sing a high doxology  
To God who gives salvation.  
Both here and in eternity  
Let this be our vocation.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit raise  
A symphony of grateful praise,  
For He alone is worthy.**

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"Though All Our Life Is like a Scroll" (text)

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (October 29 – November 5, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 8:30am; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; New Member Celebration

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending October 22, 2017)**

General & Building Funds: \$3392.48; Blessings: \$21.52; Genesis Fund: \$100.00; Road Sign: \$100.00

Attendance: Thursday: 19; Sunday: 102

### **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**Thank you** to all who gave blood during last week's BLOOD DRIVE. Lives are being saved by your generosity.

**New Member Potluck next Sunday!** Come and meet and greet our new members!

**Daylight Saving Time ends!** Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

**Military BibleStick Ministry** presentation is coming November 12 — placing the Scriptures into the hands of our military and their families.

### **"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"I have people say, 'We need to go out and see people saved.' I've got news for you: They don't even know that they're lost ... Where Luther nailed those theses on the door of the church, we need to be going to churches, Christian colleges, seminaries, Bible colleges in this day and age and nailing Genesis 1-11 on the doors because that's where we've lost biblical authority." *Ken Ham, Answers in Genesis* — ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))