

Reformation (Observed)

Sunday, October 27, 2019



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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.

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HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 41:13; 48:1a, 12–14; 79:9, 13

P: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

C: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

P: that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

C: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake! We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord, our gracious God invites us to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness. With true repentance, let us come before Him, confident that He will hear us in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Almighty God, we acknowledge our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and throughout our lives have transgressed Your Law. We repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.

P: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness to those who come before Him in repentance. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

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. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

P: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE "All Glory Be to God on High" LSB 947

1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
 fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 All strife at last has end - ed.

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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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.

REFORMATION SEQUENCE 1

P: Of all of the documents in the Lutheran Confessions, the Smalcald Articles are most personal testimony of Martin Luther, the great reformer. Fearing for his life, he drafted a set of articles outlining what he felt was most important for his hearers and followers to know of his Bible teaching. Section Two focuses on the office and work of Jesus Christ, God's Messiah and our Redeemer. Luther writes: "The first and chief article is this: Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:24–25). He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29), and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all (Isaiah 53:6). All have sinned and are justified freely, without their own works or merits, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (Romans 3:23–25).

C: "This is necessary to believe. This cannot be otherwise acquired or grasped by any work, law, or merit. Therefore, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. As St. Paul says: For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law (Romans 3:28). That He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus (Romans 3:26)" (SA II | 1–4).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ 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'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ 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 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"LSB 555 vs. 1,4,6,8

SERMON

REFORMATION SEQUENCE 2

P: As Luther was writing the Smalcald Articles, which have been understood by some as his last will and testament, he addressed the topic of how man is justified before God, and his good works in this way: "I do not know how to change in the least what I have previously and constantly taught about justification. Namely, that through faith, as St. Peter says, we have a new and clean heart (Acts 15:9–11), and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). Although sin in the flesh has not yet been completely removed or become dead (Romans 7:18), yet He will not punish or remember it."

C: "Such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins are followed by good works (Ephesians 2:8–9). What is still sinful or imperfect in them will not be counted as sin or defect, for Christ's sake (Psalm 32:1–2; Romans 4:7–8). The entire individual, both his person and his works, is declared to be righteous and holy from pure grace and mercy, shed upon us and spread over us in Christ. Therefore, we cannot boast of many merits and works, if they are viewed apart from grace and mercy. As it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31); namely, that he has a gracious God. For with that, all is well. We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, the faith is false and not true" (SA III XIII).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

*P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. And now we thank You that You have rescued us lost and helpless sinners through the saving work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. Therefore, with all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SANCTUS "Voices Raised to You We Offer" LSB 795

3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with

heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!

**5 How can any praise we offer
 Measure all the thanks we owe?
 Take our hearts and hands and voices—
 Gifts of love we can bestow.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah and our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive the gifts of this blessed Sacrament, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit, and find joy and comfort in the communion of saints and the forgiveness of sins. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has also taught 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 *LSB 962*

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Thy Strong Word" *LSB 578*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You that you have fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, refreshing us with this precious gift and assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Having been blessed to be at Your Table, we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we be nurtured in faith toward You and complete the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

C: 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 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" *LSB 655*

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (10/27/19 – 11/3/19)

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

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation Class, 5:30pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending October 20, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$4299.85; Blessings: \$16.28; Memorial Fund: \$10.00

Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 133

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR on Sunday morning, November 3. Daylight Saving Time ends.

ON NOVEMBER 3RD, Bailey Piepenburg will be giving a presentation after fellowship time on her MOST mission trip. Come see how your support made a difference in Honduras.

LADIES GUILD'S NEXT MEETING will be Tuesday, November 5th, at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Shirley Krueger and Carol Gavitt. Devotions will be presented by Pat Mathie. We'll be having election of officers and planning our program for 2020. Please bring along ideas. Gifts from the Heart are for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Wausau. Some of their needs are blank journals, stuffed animals, fleece blankets, individual snack and juice items and art supplies (colors, markers, coloring books, activity books).

CLC'S YOUTH WILL HOST A PRESENTATION AND THANK YOU LUNCH following the service on Sunday, November 10. The group that attended this summer's Youth Gathering will offer a recap of their experience and a pasta lunch. Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the fellowship area.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE is taking place on Tuesday, November 12th from 3:30 - 6:30pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

PLEASE NOTICE FAITH IN ACTIONS' CHRISTMAS CARE DRIVE BOX, located in the Fellowship Hall by the mailboxes.

The Ladies Guild prepared 66 school kits for Lutheran World Relief and the Quilters prepared 37 quilts and 25 fabric kits. These items have been shipped out as of the end of September and new items are being prepared for next year's donations. The Quilters also prepared 9 baby quilts for the Women's Shelter and 6 for Children's Services of Wisconsin. Eight lap robes were donated to nursing homes. We are thankful for the ladies who sew items at their homes for these projects and grateful for donations received throughout the year. God is good!

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"The Reformation properly belongs to the Lord God. He Himself makes and saves all the moments in human history. He alone sustains and claims all the movements in the entire universe. His unconditional love endows each human life with equally infinite value." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life –*
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