

Reformation Sunday



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John 8.31

PRINCE OF PEACE

Sunday October 25, 2020
Reformation Sunday
Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Faithful God,
Have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep the gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of †Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

May 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.

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.

Children's Moment

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It 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. ³³ But 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. ³⁴ No 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.

Psalm: 46

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."

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Gospel: 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.

Message

Song: "A Mighty Fortress"

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1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower 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.

4. 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!

Apostles Creed

**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 catholic Church the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Peace

Announcements

Thrivent Food Challenge

We have been partnering with the food pantry at St. Edith Stein Church run by their St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thrivent just issued a challenge, they will make a \$500 contribution to the first 100 food pantries that receive 500 food items from a Thrivent group. That group could be us! It's a big challenge, but let's go for it and help feed out neighbors! Suggested items small high nutrition items, like cans of tuna, jars of peanut butter, and 1 lb. bags of beans

All Saints Sunday is November 1.

On this day we want to remember and recognize those who have gone before us. This year has been a challenging year to hold funerals and memorial services, so we want to be sure to recognize and remember those who have died since last All Saints Sunday November 2019. When you submit the names of those you want remembered on All Saints Sunday, please note if they have died since November 1, 2019. Thanks so much for helping us make this a special day of remembrance. Please email us the names you would like included in this special service! In church worshippers may fill out a card and leave on the cart or see the back page of bulletin for fill and drop in sheet. Thanks

“New” Thirsty Thursdays music & the word on our facebook page

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error reform it. Where the church speaks your truth strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite, in us the working of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking and protect all in harm's way.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

May our Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring
bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and peace.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” J. Newton, W. Walker, E. Excell

779 New Britain CM

1. 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.

2.'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

4. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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