

October 25, 2020, Reformation Sunday

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Prelude: “Song for Sienna,” & “**He Has Made Me Glad/ Rejoice the Lord is King**” Maranatha Long Play Thanksgiving CD # 1. Words in blue Hymnal p.214. **(feel free to hum songs behind your masks)**

Welcome & Announcements

- Grades, 8, 9, (online) & 10 (Wednesday 6-7) **Confirmation; Youth** from 6:30-7:30.
- **Jennifer Albright's** status?
- **Men's Discussion** group today 10:30, session 3.
- Thursday **Bible Study** 2PM at Rustads.
- **Confirmation Sunday Nov. 1, 2020**, 2 services at 9:30 & 11:00, pictures outside at 10:30.
- November Communion on both Nov. 1 & November 8.
- Please do not forget to pick up **Sunday School packets** for grades 1-6 to teach at home.
- Adding to our prayer list Brent Bakken.

Invocation

Psalm 100:2. P: “Serve the Lord with gladness. Enter into His presence with singing.”

Call to worship: Maranatha Long Play Thanksgiving CD # 2 “**O God, Our Help in Ages Past.**” Words in blue Hymnal P. 686.

Prayer of Confession

P: Let us Pray...Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (brief silence)

L: Most merciful God **C: We confess that we are in bondage 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**

Absolution: Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

Hymn of **Thanksgiving and Praise:** Maranatha Long Play Thanksgiving CD #10 “**For the Beauty of the Earth.**” Words in green hymnal p. 561

Verses of the day: (Psalm 46)

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

C: 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."**

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

Prayer of the Day: 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 us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, pestilence and pandemic. Defend us from all enemies of the Gospel. Give your 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.

Invitation to participate in the prayers of the church: L: "Forgiven through grace and filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus by praying for the church, our nation, and the world, those in need, and all of God's creation. Let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens." (brief silence)

God of Grace. make us free to be examples of your love in the World. Fill us with your Spirit and lead us to find the best ways to honor you and those who have gone before us. Help us to abandon wasteful or hurtful habits. Lord in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**

God of our Refuge and strength, give us grace to love our brothers and sisters, shattering hatred and fear, and seeing all people as creations bearing your image and the likeness of Christ. Give us freedom to be whole and healthy people, imparting respite to caregivers, encouragement to medical workers, thanks for peace officers, teachers, service providers of all kinds and decision-makers in all walks of life, as well as strong support for parents and mentors of children. Grant that we be healthy emotionally, mentally, spiritually, socially, and physically. We especially pray for our family of faith and the families of Janice Haugen, Jim & Ionne Haugstul, Al & Carol Heide, Chris & Tricia Hove, & Geri Hove. Lord in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**

Mighty Counselor, make us free to be people of purpose. Reform our apathy into action. Bless us with determination to let go of what keeps our faith stagnant and drive us be witnesses to your Gospel of grace in our community. We especially pray for (list) Lord in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Resurrection, Free us to be still and just know that you are God. Join our voices in praise with all the saints who are with you in heaven, we especially pray for you to comfort the families of **Kenny Rose, David Myklejord, Jan Voxland, Dennis Rossell, Vivian Nord, Ralph Hove, Martha Sather, Marion Larson, Judy Olson, Sandra Schultz, Beverly Drellack, Albert Graftaas, Aggie Gaetz, Karen Langseth, Margaret Kaasa, & Gary Carlin** in their loss. Lord in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**

God of the Universe, Trusting in your mercy, we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy to provide all that we need; in the Name of the One who sets us free, Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen**

Hymn in **Preparation to Hear** the Word: Maranatha Long Play Thanksgiving CD # 3 **"I Want to have a Heart Full of Faithfulness, for Your Goodness Lord"**.

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. 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.**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28¹⁹ Now 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.²⁰ For **"no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds** prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets,²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For **there is no distinction,**²³ **since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;**²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom 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;²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that **he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.**²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by **the law of faith.**²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119: 105) Songs 4 Worship Song #2. Blue Hymnal P. 184.

Gospel: John 8:31-36³¹ '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.**" The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

On this Reformation Sunday, we ring a bell in honor and loving remembrance of each of our dearly departed members and participants of the last year: **Kenny Rose, David Myklejord, Jan Voxland, Dennis Rossell, Vivian Nord, Ralph Hove, Martha Sather, Marion Larson, Judy Olson, Sandra Schultz, Beverly Drellack, Albert Graftaas, Aggie Gaetz, Karen Langseth, Margaret Kaasa, & Gary Carlin.**

SERMON

Hymn of Faith: Top 50 Praise Songs disc # 1, song # 10, **"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)."** Green hymnal #448.

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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P: THE PEACE OF THE LORD BEWITH YOU. C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

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

Closing Hymn: Mother Goose Gospel Song # 10 **Oh Hosanna** (tune of Oh Suzanna).

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude: Maranatha Long Play Thanksgiving # 1 **"He has Made Me Glad/ Lift up your voice, Rejoice"** (blue hymnal p. 214 & 370.) & **"Song for Sienna"** by Brian Crane