

Sunday, October 22, 2017  
Reformation Sunday

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**“Festal Fanfare”**

J.S. Bach

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** *Blessed be the Holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.*

**C** **Amen!**

**P** *Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** *Source of all life,*

**C** **we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right,  
act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

**Amen!**

**P** *God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.*

*Our sins are forgiven,*

*God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**C** **Amen!**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

***"Founded On Faith"***

Founded on faith,  
the Church alive by grace  
Proclaims the gospel  
here and ev'ry place.  
The Word of God  
resounds in time and space:  
Alleluia!

Your cross, O Christ,  
renews our life each day.  
Baptized in you,  
we learn and teach and pray.  
Fed by your love,  
with thankful hearts we say:  
Alleluia!

Equipped by prayer,  
we live the spirit's call.  
Empowered to serve  
with gifts both great and small,  
We bring the living  
hope of God to all.  
Alleluia!

Growing in grace  
for God's created earth,  
We yearn for justice,  
peace and human worth:  
a world restored;  
a faithful, caring church.  
Alleluia!

Founded on faith,  
called forth, empowered to serve,  
We share God's endless  
love without reserve.  
Then let us shout  
aloud the Living Word!  
Alleluia!

**\*GREETING**

**P** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**G** **And also with you.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*“This is the Feast”*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**℟** *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!**

**ANTHEM**

*“Jesus Is the Living Stone”*

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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.

<sup>34</sup>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.

### **Reflection**

*What days are surely coming? (verse 31) What will the Lord do in those coming days? "It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors." (verse 32) What was that covenant? (see Exodus 20-24) What happened to that covenant? What distinguishes the new covenant from the old covenant? (verse 33) What is this new covenant, according to Christians? (see 1 Corinthians 11:25) What is the result of this new covenant? (verse 34) What do people have to do to be part of this new covenant? (By this time in our celebration of the Reformation, you should know this by heart!) What happens to our sins as a result of this new covenant? What days do we live in? How do we participate in this new covenant? It is something that happens now, or is it still coming, or both? What do you think?*

### **PSALM 1**

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- <sup>2</sup>**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup>They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.
- <sup>4</sup>**The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- <sup>6</sup>**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### **SECOND 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 silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

### **Reflection**

*What do we experience as a result of the law? (verses 19-20) What does it mean to be “justified”? Notes in the Lutheran Bible say this, “‘Justify’ is language from courts of law. The prisoner stands before the judge and is guilty. But the judge declares the prisoner innocent—or ‘justifies’ the prisoner.” We are not guilty, but justified. To whom does this apply? (verses 23-24) How do we get this not guilty verdict? (verses 21-22) How does God justify us? (verses 24-25) What does he do with the sins we are guilty of? (verses 25-26—see also the first reading from Jeremiah) According to Paul, no one has the right to boast about what they have done. Why not? (verses 27-28) I know that I am prone to boasting—of course, I don’t say this so others can hear, but to myself I think, “Look at what a good Christian I am!” or thoughts to that effect. (Am I the only one?—that is the complete sinner that I am) Thanks be to God that through my baptism I a complete saint—I recognize that God’s love and grace through Jesus is what really makes me a Christian, not anything that I do. (verse 28)*

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **“Alleluia! Give the Glory”**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia!**

**Give the glory and the honor,  
to the Lord!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia!**

**Give the glory and the honor,  
to the Lord!**

### **\*GOSPEL**

### **John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>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'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

### **Reflection**

*This text starts with a reference to “the Jews who had believed in him.” (verse 31) As we read this text, it’s important that we hear Jesus saying it to us “who had believed in him.” What does it mean to continue in Jesus’ word? (I refer you to celebration of the Word of God that*

*we had earlier this month as part of our Reformation 500 celebration.) What does the word do for people? (verse 32) How did the people to whom he spoke react to what he said? (verse 33) In what ways do we live in slavery to sin? (verse 34) What lies do we believe that enslave us? Here are some that I find regularly in myself: I'm a good Christian—I do what is right. I'm better than those \_\_\_\_\_. There are all kinds of political lies and economic lies and social lies that I don't even see. What lies entrap you, and us all together? What is the only way we can be set free from those lies? (verse 36) How does the truth make a person free? What does that kind of freedom look like? I think we Americans like to celebrate freedom **from**, perhaps Jesus offers us freedom **for**. What do you think?*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kris Langdon

**SERMON**

***"500 Years, Now What?"***

Rev. Roger Lenander

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"***

**ELW 505**

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
the Lord of hosts, his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.**

**[M] And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,**

**[A] we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.**

**[M] The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;**

**[A] one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers,**

no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

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**P** *Let us pray.*

*Merciful God, we thank you for this brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.*

**C** **Amen!**

**P** *I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.*

**P** *Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?*

*Response:*

I renounce them.

**P** *Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?*

*Response:*

I renounce them.

**P** *Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?*

*Response:*

I renounce them.

**P** *Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?*

*Response:*

I renounce them.

**P** *Do you believe in God the Father?*

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**P** *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**C** **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

**C** **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.**

**P** *You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:*

*to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

*Each person responds:*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**P** *People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?*

**C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P** *Let us pray.*

*We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.*

**P** *Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Noah the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.*

**C** **Amen!**

**P** *Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.*

**C** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**\*PRAYER SONG**

***"Cares Chorus"***

**I cast all my cares upon You  
I lay all of my burdens  
Down at Your feet  
And anytime that I don't know  
What to do  
I will cast all my cares upon You**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the unity of your church. Free us to be Christ's one body, graciously receiving his life and boldly offering it to a world in need. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the renewal of creation: for a shared, plentiful harvest, for lands unable to bear fruit, for what is neglected or destroyed by our hand, and for the earth's advocates. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all nations of the world: for leaders of villages, cities, states, and nations, for lawmakers and judges, for teachers and students, and for all who work for peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who seek refuge and strength: refugees, the imprisoned, and those bound by addictions or burdened by guilt. We pray for the ill or injured *especially Kay, Ron, Lin, and Linda*. We also pray for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for 10 seconds*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for continual reformation in this and every assembly including the South Sudanese Congregation. In new beginnings, impart wisdom. In established traditions, inspire creativity. In all ministries, revive our hope in the one who makes all things new. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. We especially lift up to you, Jason Shields. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your saints. United with them in the covenant of baptism, increase our faith in your promised life for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

**Amen!**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**G** **And also with you!**

**OFFERTORY**

***“Only By Grace”***

**Only by grace can we enter,  
only by grace can we stand;  
not by our human endeavor,  
but by the blood of the Lamb.  
Into your presence you call us,  
you call us to come.  
Into your presence you draw us,  
and now by your grace we come,  
now by your grace we come.**

**Lord, if you mark our transgressions,  
who would stand?  
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed  
by the blood of the Lamb.  
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who would stand?  
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed  
by the blood of the Lamb.**

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only by grace can we stand;  
not by our human endeavor,  
but by the blood of the Lamb.  
Into your presence you call us,  
you call us to come.  
Into your presence you draw us,  
and now by your grace we come,  
now by your grace we come.**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

***“The Church’s One Foundation”* v. 1**

**ELW 654**

**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.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** *God of life,*

**C** **you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen!**

#### \*DIALOGUE

**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 our thanks and praise.**

#### \*PREFACE

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

#### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

- P** *In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*
- C** **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!**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- P** *Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.*

### **\*BLESSING**

- P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.*
- C** **Amen!**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** *Life-giving God,*
- C** **in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us  
forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the**

world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** *God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.*

**G** Amen!

**\*SENDING SONG**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

**ELW 787**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

***Refrain***

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

***Final refrain***

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.