

Sunday, October 25, 2020



## Welcome & Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.  
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.  
Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning 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 judgement must prevail! On little word subdues him.  
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 home, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

## Greeting & Prayer

### Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.**

### Scripture Readings

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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. 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.

L: Word of God; word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 93:1-9

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

L: Word of God; word of life.  
**God.**

**C: Thanks be to**

## Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

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. 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.

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

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

L: Word of God; word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 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’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message:** Pastor Dwight Rudquist

**Sermon Notes:**

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## Hymn of the Day: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

## Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

## Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

## Holy Communion

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, ... join in their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

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## The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## Distribution of Elements

### Communion Hymn: I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

### Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## Closing Hymn: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
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Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
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*Refrain.*

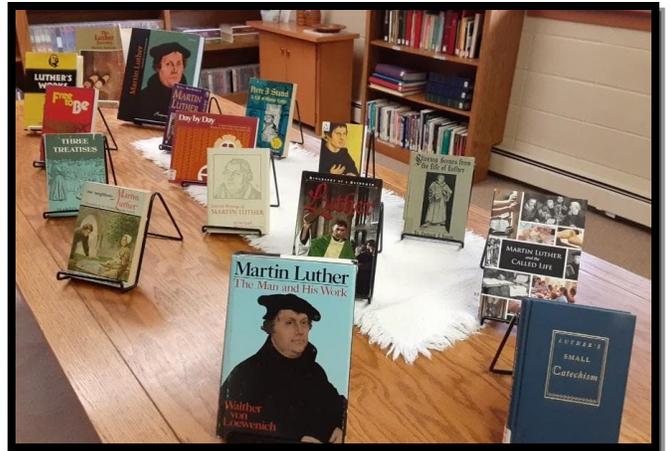
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# Intergenerational Faith Formation:

## Library Day

- **Reformation Martin Luther Handouts:** You don't want to miss out on this information! We have three different handouts, one geared for younger children, one more fitting for older youth to adults, and one perfect for adults. Of course, you can check out all three and use whatever is fitting for you! All are available on our website! If you do not have access to a printer, call Angie in the office and she will send you a copy!
- **Library Books.** We have a large selection of books on Martin Luther. Visit our library and find many children's books and adult books in our "Martin Luther" section.
- **Prayers Partner Sign Up.** Our Goal: each child and each youth be paired with an adult! If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner to a youth member, we do have a few youth that are in need of a prayer partner! Call the church office for more information!
- **Recorded Book Readings.** We have a new book to view! Craig Loen read a book on Martin Luther and we'd love for you to check it out! Visit our website or click on the link in the email!
- **Swedish Word of the Month:** English: library. Swedish: bibliotek
- **Food4Kids Backpack Program.** This program will be starting up soon, please consider donating money towards this needed program! You can simply send a donation with your church offering; please mark it "Food4Kids"
- **Family Pathways.** The collection bin is located in the hallway by the mailboxes. This week's challenge: Peanut Butter! Let's see how many Peanut Butter's does it take to fill the bin!



## Next Week: Game Day



**PRAYERCARE** The family of Annie Lindgren, Cheryl Slattengren, the family of John Solheim, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Marilyn Burnes, Geri Swenson and the family of Andy Swenson, the family of Duane Rudquist, Don Grover, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Doris Fors, Ann Rue, Helen Swanson, the Hackmann Family, the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, Julie Valez, the family of Margaret Dale, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg, the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Caren Carlson, Rose Anderson, Gail Johnson & the rest of David Clow's family and Yutaro Nakanishi.

## Announcements

**Confirmation Class:** Sunday, October 25th at 10:30am via Zoom. Please read chapters I and II of our book: Free To Be before class.

**Outdoor Worship:** Weather will determine if we are able to worship outdoors on Sunday, November 1st. It will be held later in hopes that the sun will be out and a little warmer! Watch for more details soon.

**Steeple Dedication:** We will be having a steeple dedication on November 1st - time TBD. More details will be coming out via email on our website soon!

**Worship Assisting:** If you would like to be a lector or sing for a worship service (outdoor or online), we'd love to have you! Please contact Angie in the office for more details!

### Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

### Have questions or in need of something?

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### **COUNCIL**MEMBERS

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Craig Loen

Becky Hulden

### Video Credits

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Emily Rudquist: Piano

Toni Brekke: Piano

Becky Hulden: Vocals

Dennis Buchholtz: Lector

Carli Linngren: Photography

Angie Linngren: Photography, Filming & Editing