

Announcements

Congratulations to our confirmands Jonah Landgreen, Carli Linngren & Angie Linngren. Join us after worship for cake and coffee outdoors!

- **Worship Schedule:** Starting October 24, we will move indoors permanently. We ask that you wear face masks. Our last Fellowship Hour is October 31st and we will start again in the Spring when the weather is warmer.
- **Bible Study** Following worship, we will begin studying the Bible. The focus will be on the next week's texts! Bring your Bible, grab a cup of coffee and join us! Printed materials will be available too.
- **You Are Invited!** Many of you know Billy from Together with Friends. He will be celebrating his 60th birthday on Wed, Nov. 3rd from 4pm - 7pm at the Dallas House Restaurant in SCF, WI. Cake, cookies, candy & treats will be served.

Family Pathways Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. Croix Falls Family Pathways Food Shelf provides Thanksgiving meals for the St. Croix Falls area and also the Taylors Falls area. Thanksgiving Meal Packages include:

Turkey ~ Stuffing ~ Gravy ~ Canned Cranberry ~ Canned Corn

We will have a collection box at our church through Tuesday, November 2nd. You are welcome to donate gift cards to Walmart or Marketplace for volunteers to shop as well.

Family Pathways appreciates our support and prayers!

PRAYERCARE The family of Lowell Nelson, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the family of John Solheim, Donna Lindgren, Don Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Ron Hackmann, the family of Doris Fors, Helen Swanson, the family of Ann Rue, the family of Kurt Kowarsch, family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, & the family of Margaret Dale, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg, Michelle Lynch, and the family of Brian Maloney.

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Pastor Dwight Rudquist

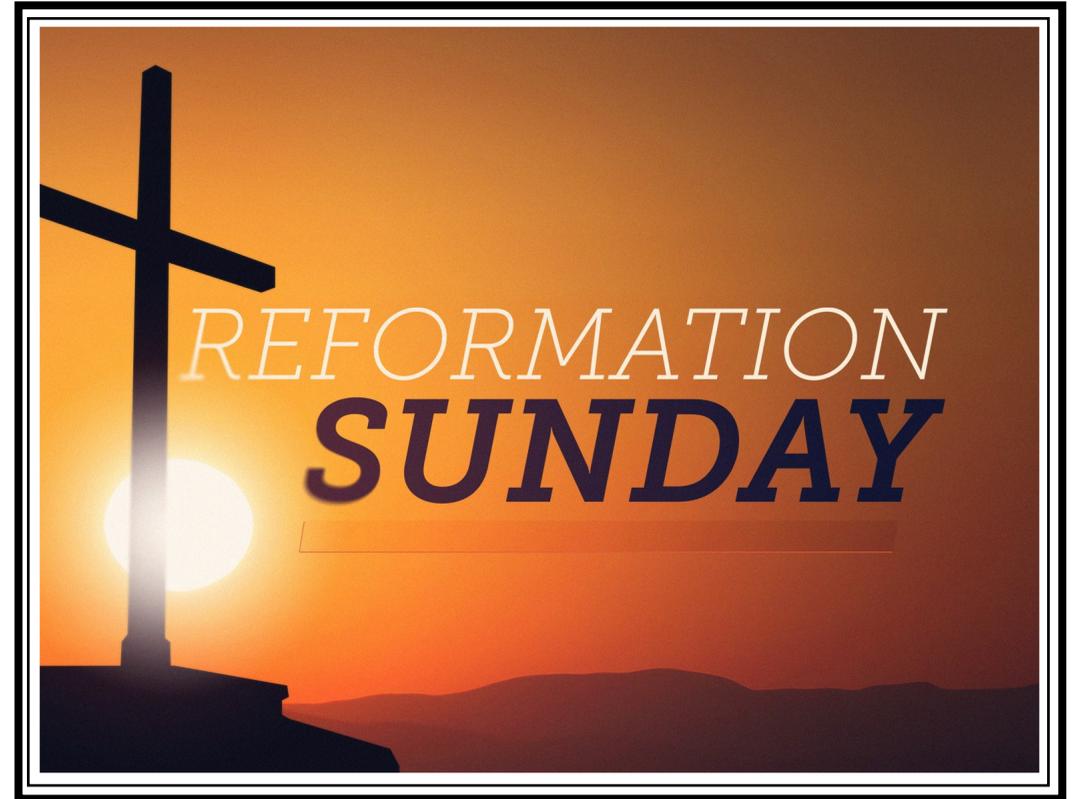
Music: Toni Brekke

Ushers: Bruce & Kathy Carlsted

Vocals: Becky Hulden

Lector: Natalie Landgreen

Fellowship Host: Rose Anderson



Sunday, October 31, 2021

Reformation Day

PRELUDE

GREETING AND NEWS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

PSALM 46 - Responsively by verse

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.

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.

OPENING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Vs. 1-2) **ELW #504**

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.**

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.**

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Vs. 3) **ELW #504**

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.**

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Vs. 4) **ELW #504**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

THE BLESSINGS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, through this living bread and saving cup you open our lives to your healing love and forgiveness. Strengthen our faith, that we might be made whole, and proclaim the coming of your reign in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon you, and prosper the work of your hands. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: Baptized and Set Free **ELW #543**

P: Go now to serve the Lord, welcoming others as Christ has welcomed you.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: We have come to share in the table that Jesus has prepared for us.

C: Through Jesus' dying and rising for us, He has taken our sin and guilt.

P: We are here to celebrate that Good News and to experience Christ's presence with us.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: In the night ... 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.**

LITANY OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, our hearts are heavy before you, inscribed with your law, which we do not follow and your love, which we do not give.

**C: You have made a new covenant with us,
and written its law of love on our hearts.**

L: We confess that even though you have embedded your will deeply within us, we often ignore it and continue to consider only what we desire.

**C: You have made a new covenant with us,
and written its law of love on our hearts.**

L: Even though you have promised to be our God, we have forgotten what it means to be your people.

**C: You have made a new covenant with us,
and written its law of love on our hearts.**

L: Angry words and bitterness divide us from one another.

**C: You have made a new covenant with us,
and written its law of love on our hearts.**

L: Forgive us when we ignore and forget your law.

**C: You have made a new covenant with us,
and written its law of love on our hearts.**

L: Give us the courage and strength to confront others with compassion when misinterpretations of your law are given as reasons to exclude some of your people from the table you've prepared for us and from the ministries to which you have called us.

**C: You have made a new covenant with us,
and written its law of love on our hearts.**

L: Guide us with wisdom so that justice and love may be our companions on this journey. Make our hearts your writing tablets, our hands your tools, our voices your instruments, our lives your love.

**C: You have made a new covenant with us,
and written its law of love on our hearts.**

L: And now, O God, in this moment of silence we lift up to you those words that are our own and that no one has a right to hear but you.

~ SILENT REFLECTION ~

L: You have made a new covenant with us, and written its law of love on our hearts.

C: Amen and amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C: 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.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Lord, I lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your Name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us!
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high!

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus: Jesus lamb of God, Worthy is your name (2x)

Taking my cross my sin my shame,
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up,
When I run dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all (chorus)

THE GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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

C: 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

HYMN: Borning Cry

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THE PRAYERS

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.