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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

We come together to love God and one another, Serve others, and Share God's Word.
We do these things by God's Grace that comes through the death and
resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ.

Worship 9:00 am
October 30, 2022

Holy Communion
Reformation Sunday

Pastor Tim Swanson
Ministers Members

ANNOUNCEMENTSP;

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.**

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.

GATHERING SONG: A Mighty Fortress is Our God ELW 504

GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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.

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. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28 ¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that

is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Word of God, Word of Life **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior:
Open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;
Speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing
For the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL The Gospel according to St John the 8th chapter. **Glory to you O Lord.**

John 8:31-36 ³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast ELW 516**

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 OF INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share God's Peace.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
 lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
 in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

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.**

PREFACE

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.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God before time, O God at the end, we delight in the splendor of your universe.

Daily we laud your continuing creation,

and we give thanks *for all the homelands of your Reformation people.*

We glorify you, now and forever.

We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church, we hear you speaking to centuries of your people. We come as your children to this table, and we give thanks for your presence *among Lutheran congregations around the world.*

We praise you, now and forever.

We praise you, now and forever.

You gave us Mary and Magdalene, Peter and Paul, *Luther and Melanchthon, Henry Muhlenberg, and Elizabeth Fedde*

—let us call out more names—

Katharina Luther the homemaker, Cranach the artist, Bach the musician, Nicolai the hymnwriter, Nommensen the missionary, Kierkegaard the philosopher, Bonhoeffer the martyr, Hammar skjöld the statesman, countless other servants of the Reformation.

We bless you, now and forever. **We bless you, now and forever.**

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide, *embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free*, dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.

We worship you, now and forever.

We worship you, now and forever.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.

Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.

By your Spirit, preserve what is faithful; reform what we treasure;
create in us what is vital and new.

We honor you, now and forever.

We honor you, now and forever.

O God before time, O God at the end, Father, Son, and Spirit, we laud you,
Glory and praise, blessing and worship, honor and power and might be to you,
our God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG Sent Forth by God's Blessing LBW 221

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, **To LOVE, SERVE, and SHARE** God's word.

Worship Assistants

**Musician – Mandy Arnett
Communion Assistant – Chris Ingram
Ushers – Bill Dafler, Steve Dafler, Steve Stockslager**

**Lay Reader – Randy Ingram
Altar Guild – Earla Donaldson**

Altar flowers are given in memory of Emilie Schmidt

Church Records

In order to LOVE, SERVE and SHARE God's Word in 2022, we commit to regular attendance at worship and Sunday school, to time spent in service to others, and daily Bible reading and prayer. As God blesses us with what we need, we respond with gifts that support God's work at St. John's. In order to meet current expenses, we have committed to monetary gifts totaling almost \$2096 a week.

Statistics for October 23, 2022

Attendance: 31

Current	\$1756.00
Benevolence	350.00
Disaster	120.00
Success Lunch	70.00
Total	\$2290.00

Announcements

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship today!

Remembering the Saints – To symbolize and commemorate the great “cloud of witnesses”, please write the name of your loved one on a colored star and place it in the basket at the back of the church. All will be hung or placed around the sanctuary to surround the assembly on November 6 through the festival of Christ the King Sunday.

Witness Team -

Success Lunch Program – Twin Valley South uses this for students who need money in their lunch accounts. With inflation and food prices soaring, St. John members may donate to this program. Just mark your offering envelope “TVS” and Stephanie will see it gets to the Success person.

Annual Congregation Meeting – November 13 after the service. If you are a committee or team leader, please submit your yearly report no later than October 31.

Foodbank needs – Tuna, egg noodles, and spaghetti sauce.

Bible Study – No Bible study tomorrow. Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Pastor Tim is leading a study on Galatians and the freedom of the Christian.

Birthdays – Mark McKinley (Nov.26), Cindy Dafler (Nov. 27), Becky Lentz (Nov. 28)

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Who Needs to Be Freed?

Martin Luther disliked the idea that adherents to his ideas would call themselves “Lutherans,” preferring the term “Christians” instead. Luther wanted the focus to be on what Christ had done, not on what he had done. So perhaps Luther would be distressed to

see so many faithful people not only calling themselves Lutherans five centuries later, but also celebrating Reformation Sunday as a church holiday! Lucky for Luther, the focus of Reformation Sunday is not on Luther's writings or accomplishments but on the freedom in Christ that is at the heart of the gospel message.

In today's text from John's gospel, Jesus' audience also quibbled over terminology. When Jesus told them, "The truth will make you free" (John 8:32), they were suspicious about what exactly he meant by "free." They rejected any implication that they or their ancestors might previously have been slaves in need of being set free. However, Jesus wasn't talking about politics or history. He was referring to a kind of slavery that transcends context: the slavery of sin. All people have been enslaved by sin, and all people need God's mercy. We are bound by the individual sin of personal choices and by the societal sin of complex systems that are beyond any one person's control.

The weight of all that sin can feel crushing, but at the heart of the Reformation message is the truth that, through Christ's death and resurrection, God has already offered us unconditional forgiveness for all our sins, no matter how heavy. We don't need to earn God's mercy because it is a gift offered without reservation or requirement. God's grace is given to us for free and to make us free. Thanks be to God, the chains are gone! That is the good news at the heart of Luther's teachings, and it is the good news at the heart of our celebration on Reformation Sunday and every day.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF October 24, 2022

Steve Moses, Dean Gray, Ryan Studebaker, Sherry Neff, Sue Johnson, Amy Leedy, John DeVilbiss, Dan McKinley, AJ McKinley, Dottie, Dolly Shelton, Sharon Taulbee, Denny Johnston, Rich Hapner, Jud Targett, Paul Wright, Vickie K., Terry & Connie Wysong, Glenn Miller, Norita Stiles, Linda Kottke, Mary Matteucci, Judy Fergus, Joan McCaffrey, Andrew Obst, Vicky Hendricks, Pat Collins, Lilly Moore, Lisa Altic, Carolyn Ulrich, Maxine Ingram, Andy Eck, John Matteucci, Eric Walker.

GRIEVING: The family of Norita Stiles

MISSIONARIES: Jonathan & Michelle Voge & Family

ST JOHN FAMILY: Cindy Dafler, Amy Stockslager, Glen Behnken, Bruce Sams & family, June Souleyrette, Bob Combs, Marna Beneke, Mark McKinley.

SHUT-INS: Butch Spitler, Janet Ferguson, Reenie Halsey, Catherine Dafler.