



**Our Saviour**  
Lutheran Church

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 10:30 A.M.



## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE - PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.***

*Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings and demands at war within us and our communities cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place our desires before the needs of the poor, the oppressed, the disenfranchised and the suffering. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in times of need and in times when we need to change, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.***

## **GATHERING SONG - A Mighty Fortress is Our God ELW 504**

### **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

*People: **And also with you.***

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

### **THE VOICE OF LAITY – HYMNS FOR THE CHURCH**

*Pastor: One of the hallmarks of the Reformation was Luther's introduction of the voice of laity in the singing of hymnody. The music of many hymns from the period are copies of popular secular music such as beloved tavern songs. Luther combined the popular musical styles of his day with sacred lyrics to show that the Kingdom of*

*God bridges the secular and sacred divide often associated with Christianity. Christ is King of two kingdoms – the sacred and the secular and the Kingdom is represented and celebrated by the work and voices of laity. Listen now to the chorus of our laity.*

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

*The Church's One Foundation*

### **THE FIRST 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, irrespective of 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.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People: **Thanks be to God.***

### **THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier**

#### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW #661**

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-13, 16-17**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?'

He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand."

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** Kingdom Stories

*Seed Throwers*

Chaplain Matt Dobyns

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY - Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Friends in Christ, we are received into the church through the sacrament of Baptism. Through prayer and study, we are led by the Holy Spirit to affirm our Baptism daily and to live in a covenantal relationship with Christ as members of the church. We are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows upon each of us.

St. Paul reminds you in Romans 10:9-11: "God's message is near you, on your lips and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we preach. If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be

saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.”

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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?

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

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. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Gracious and faithful God,

**Hear our prayer.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The Pastor prays each petition ending with a response.*

... Gracious and faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

### **THE PEACE**

**THE OFFERING** - *Our God - OSLC Handbells*

### **THE OFFERING RESPONSE**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him all creatures here below.**

**Praise him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** - ELW p. 144

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THE PREFACE** (*Sung by Cantor*)

## **THE SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, 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 in the highest.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, eat and live.

### **COMMUNION SONGS**

#### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

God Almighty, God most merciful (+) bless you, and keep you, and shine his face upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG - The Church of Christ, in Every Age - ELW 729**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**