



OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Southern Pines, North Carolina

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Reformation Sunday / 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL/GATHERING SONG – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – ELW #503

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of our celebration,
and the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

People: **We confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples,
we have not finished what you began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored those unlike us.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Revive our hearts for faith and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
that we might live by Kingdom values
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Pastor: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you
even when you fall.
You who were lost have been found
and the way home is open to you through Christ Jesus, Our Lord.
For the sake of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news!
Amen.

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 HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 139

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

People: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.**

TEMPLE TALK: Our 2023 Intent Cards

THE 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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (Read responsively by half verse.)

*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.*

THE SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-31

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 will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of 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 demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of gentiles also? Yes, of gentiles also, since God is one, and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we then overthrow the law through this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold 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 – *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage - ELW #509*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON: *Living Kingdom Values: Here We Stand!*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - ELW #834*

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. Those making affirmation are presented by family members or godparents:

Godparents: I(We) present NAME, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray,
Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants 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.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Pastor: Name(s), do you desire to affirm your baptism as a confirming member of the Body of Christ?

Candidates: I do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil, the powers of evil and desire to live in the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as the Word of God, Saviour of the world and Lord of your life?

Candidates: I do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of Christ, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and Word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: I do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

Congregation:

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.

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

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 confirmand responds:
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.
People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in
their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister lays hands on the head of each person.

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy
Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her
patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.
Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

Pastor: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING – Organ

THE OFFERING HYMN – *The Doxology*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider,
we bring nothing into this world
and we can take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us,
which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives.
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,
revealed to us in 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 Pastor*)

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 (Spoken)

**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 sinners and eats with them.
Come, take your place at the feast.

COMMUNION SONGS:

Lamb of God / The Commission

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

God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.
Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
With the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Almighty God (+) bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,
Now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – ELW #503

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE