

## **Reformation Sunday**

October 31, 2021, 8:45 & 11:15 am

## Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

# **Gathering**

## **Prelude**

The Church's One Foundation (Aurelia), Reformation Bells

arr. By Kevin McChesney

### Welcome

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Please stand.. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

### Silence is kept for reflection.

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 of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 



5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

## Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

There is one body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects God's holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith. Amen. Alleluia!

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.** 

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

## Word

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (ELW 504)



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Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Please stand as your are able.

(8:45)



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Choir* If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth

will make you free. (John 8:31-21)

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(11:15)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eighth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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.** 

Please be seated.

**Sermon** Bishop Graham

## **Hymn of the Day**

Please stand as you are able.



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## **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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**

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

## After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

#### *The prayers conclude:*

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

#### **Peace**

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

Please be seated.



## Meal

## Offering

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> or on the Give Plus app. You may also mail your checks to:

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*Music at the offering* (8:45) Choral Anthem

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save; They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave. to you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame, The leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed, with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light.

And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then,
In every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death; Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with your almighty breath, On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour, That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

> Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1866, alt. Music: Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

(11:15) Organ Voluntary A Mighty Fortress

Ein Feste Burg, arr Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Please stand.

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language. 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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosostros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **Thanks be to God.** 

Please be seated.

## Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond:

Amen.

Please stand.

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

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

## **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



# **Sending**

## **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.

**Sending Hymn** 



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace.
The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.** 

Please be seated during the Postlude and ushers will then dismiss each row from back to front as per safety guidelines. Thank you.

## **Postlude**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Ein Feste Burg), Reformation Bells

arr. by Kevin McChesney



### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

PRESIDING MINISTER
The Rev. Connie A. Miller, Senior Pastor
PREACHING MINISTER
The Rev. Richard Graham, former bishop Metro DC Synod, ELCA

#### ASSISTING MINISTERS

The Rev. Franklin Morales, Associate Pastor Deacon Kyle Warfield, Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries

#### **MUSICIANS**

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist* (8:45) Members of the Schola Cantorum Edie Venit, *Director of Reformation Bells* Reformation Bells

A SPECIAL WELCOME to our guest preacher and former bishop of the Metro DC Synod of the ELCA, The Rev. Richard Graham. Bishop also has served as pastor of Hope Lutheran, College Park, and now chairs The Friends of La Sagrada committee. This group, promotes the wonderful ministry of La Sagrada Familia.

Bishop, great to have you with us!

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## at Saint Luke Lutheran

October 31, 2021

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#### **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

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8:45 am	Worship, in person & streaming online
10:15 am	Faith Formation Classes, in person & online
11:15 am	Worship, in person
5:00 pm	San Lucas Misa, Online

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#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

8:45 am	Worship, in person & streaming online
10:15 am	Faith Formation Classes, in person & online
11:15 am	Worship, Holy Baptisms, in person
3:00 pm	San Lucas Gospel Meditation, online
5:00 pm	All Saints Choral Evensong, in person & online

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

#### **All Saints Day**

#### Monday, November 1, 2021

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

# Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639 *Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

#### SAINT LUKE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Luke Christian Day School is happy to once again partner with Lynch Creek Farms for the annual CDS Christmas Wreath fund raiser to support the school Scholarship fund. Beginning now, you have the option to go online at <a href="http://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/277412">http://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/277412</a> to browse the collection of wreathes, centerpieces, live trees or garland. You can also call them at 1-888-426-0781 to place an order. You can choose a delivery window and add a personal note. All orders placed by October 31 will receive a free wreath hanger. Last day to place an order is December 5, 2021. 15% of all proceeds go to the Saint Luke Christian Day School Scholarship fund. We have received many positive comments from people who have ordered for themselves or as gifts for others! The Christian Day School thanks you for your support!

## **Music Ministry Page**

#### **HYMN NOTES**

#### Built on a rock

Nicolai Grundtvig, 1783-1872. Trans. Carl Doving, 1867-1937.

The Danish author was a contemporary of Sören Kierkegaard (with whom he disagreed theologically) and was more famous and influential during his lifetime. Based on the story of Christ calling Peter the rock on which the church is built, the hymn is a reminder that we are the building blocks, the living stones which comprise the church in which God deigns to dwell. It is our duty to make that temple holy and to lead our children to God's Kingdom.

#### A mighty fortress is our God

Martin Luther, 1483-1546

This "Battle Hymn of the Reformation" is based on portions of Psalm 46, scripture being the inspiration for a number of Luther hymns. The final stanza is Luther's vow, and ours, to cling to God's Word and Truth in spite of the stresses of this life.

#### The Church's one foundation

Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

A mid-19th century controversy over a new way of studying and interpreting scripture advocated by Bishop Colenso of Natal was the source of this hymn, a defense of the traditional way of interpretation. The stanza which includes the lines, "By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distrest", is now usually omitted. Christ is the foundation (I Corinthians 3:11), its members are his "new creation" (II Corinthians 5:17), and they are his "holy bride" for whom he gave his life (Ephesians 5:25). It is the most familiar statement about the church in hymn literature.

### MUSIC MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

### All Saints Choral Evensong November 7 at 5 PM

Sung at the close of day in Cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer, derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. It is an opportunity for peaceful meditation in the midst of a busy week. There will be an extended prelude written by Belgian composer César Franck. that will start 15 minutes before the service begins.

During the service, the choir will sing:

Evening Canticles: Richard Shephard Preces and Responses: Richard Shephard

Anthem: Holy is the True Light – William Harris

Psalm 24: chant by George Thalben-Ball

### Wickre Organ Concert November 21 at 5 PM

Thomas Sheehan, Organist and Associate Director of Music at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC , will present an innovative organ program on November 21, 2021 at 5 PM. The concert will be in person and current health guidelines will be observed (masks and social distancing required). Pieces in the program will include a transcription of the Overture to St. Paul by Felix Mendelssohn, Five Dances of Calvin Hampton, and works by Thomas Oboe Lee, Angela Kraft Cross, Trevor Weston, and Dietrich Buxtehude.