

SAINT MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020 9:30AM

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (ELW 503) arr. H. Walcha

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For safety reasons, we ask that the congregation follow along with all spoken and sung responses silently. The Assisting Minister and the Cantor will respond for the congregation to all spoken and sung responses.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin.
Silence for self-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 or families or friends as ourselves.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Free us from the urge to speak with haste, offending those we fail to fully understand. Let our words always honor your wondrous love so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

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 each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

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.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy. Christ, Have Mercy. Lord, Have Mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.
Let us pray,...

PEACE

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Response after the conclusion: Thanks be to God.

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.

PSALM 46

1God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2Therefore 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. 4There is a river whose streams make glad the city 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. 6The 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. 8Come 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

SECOND READING ROMANS 3:19-28

Response after the conclusion: Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL JOHN 8:31-36

*Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 33 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?’” 34 Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

SERMON

THE REV. DR. ERIC J. TROZZO

HYMN OF THE DAY SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME (ELW 590)

(Congregation is invited to silently follow along with the text below)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together as Jesus taught us using the more familiar words

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us into the world to serve our neighbor.

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

"The Church's One Foundation" ELW 654



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What's Happening!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- **Pastor :** The Reverend Dr. Eric J. Trozzo
- **Assisting Minister :** Deacon Bill
- **Cantor :** David D. Harp
- **Soloist:** Mike Williams
- **Greeter:** Kathy Grahn
- **Usher:** Sandy Meany

ZOOM EVENTS

For more info, please refer to October Messenger

- **Sunday 9:30am** Live Stream Worship followed by Zoom Coffee Hour
- **Sunday 9:30am** Confirmation Class
- **Sunday 11:15am** Virtual Sunday School
- **Sunday 1:00pm** Confirmation (9th Grade)
- **Monday 10:30am** Monday Morning Bible Study (MMBSF)
- **Wednesday 7pm** Book Discussion Group
- **Thursday 10:30am** Tea & Talk