



October 29, 2023

Our Savior Lutheran Church Reformation Celebration

Thought: *John 8:31 Jesus said: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Luther – Justification by faith. Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith.*

Sola Scriptura; Sola Gratia; Sola Fide

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.

Prelude – Jill Rimington

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

P: In faith, grace and love we greet each other in the name of Christ. The Peace of the Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

A: You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

C: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

A: All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

C: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

A: We are now saved by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen. Lord, have mercy. From God, to God, and through God are all things. To God be glory forever and ever.

Reformation Hymn – "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW #504

<https://youtu.be/V9uGNb8Zfic>

by First-Plymouth Church

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Confession

P: God of justice and judgment, we confide in our own strength rather than your grace.

A time of silence for reflection

Help us understand by faith alone we are justified.

C: By the fire of your Spirit burn away all that separates us from you, from one another, and from our truest selves.

P: Reform our lives by your living word and forgive our transgressions; for we make our confession in the name of Christ crucified and risen.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

From the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of praise – “That Priceless Grace” ELW #591

That Priceless Grace



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious



grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949
Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional
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Prayer of the Day

A: God, we praise you for your many good gifts: creation, harvest, family, friends, home, and work. Especially we praise you for the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Thank you for sending him to live, die and rise in order to claim us as your own forgiven and renewed people.

A: On this Reformation Day make us ever mindful of the good news of Christ, which the reformers proclaimed so boldly.

C: Like them give us insight, courage, and faith to trust only in Christ who rescues us from sin and places us on your solid ground of grace. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

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

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

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of ^l 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.

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 upon 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.

Epistle reading – Romans 3:19-28

Now apart from the law – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (stand as you are able)

“God’s Word is our Great Heritage” ELW #509

<https://youtu.be/j-Lg02Hjdl0>

by St. Olaf Choir (with brass)

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage



God’s word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Holy Gospel – John 8:31-36

<https://youtu.be/VD5UXzLkiyI?si=s2Dmh9UHSex1oAhF>

Jesus reveals the truth that sets people free.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/DDqOoy2AFg?si=IMywwEDpkc0iPpoJ>

Message – “You Have My

<https://youtu.be/jM8LAmZ2Kz0?si=icMNSsbxSF80AVty>Word!”

Hymn for the Day – “O Word of God Incarnate”

ELW #514

<https://youtu.be/mRpN6E2Hjcs>

by James Biery

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness (*especially*). Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters

wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer (*especially*). Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Music –“Rise, Shine, You People!”

ELW #665

https://youtu.be/ymwKMfBTC_s

by Lenoir-Rhyne virtual choir

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: 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

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

Distribution

Communion Music – Jill Rimington

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

C: In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn – “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” ELW #510

https://youtu.be/QSR8Hgk_IDY

by Chris Brunelle

Dismissal

A: Taking the next faithful step by grace, we go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude – Jill Rimington

