

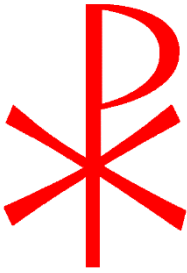
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St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Reformation
Sunday

October 29, 2023



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

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To the Glory of God

November Candles: [available for sign-up](#)
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Choir rehearsals are Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. You may join us anytime. Everyone age 16 and older is invited to join us. Come and lift your voice in praise to God.

Watch for important news in the **November** issue of **The Good News Letter**.



Order of Worship

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

GOD GATHERS US

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, and the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Steadfast and faithful God,

ALL: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Leader: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **ALL: Amen.**

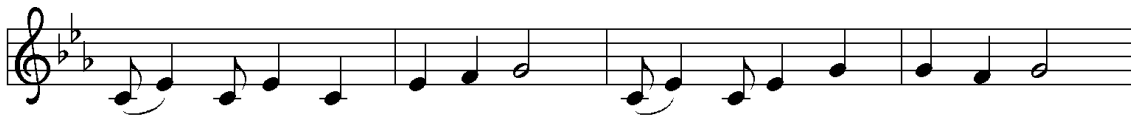
***GATHERING HYMN #504**

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

***CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE**

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

***KYRIE HYMN #151**



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.

***THIS IS THE FEAST**



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry, for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROPHETIC READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Reader: The LORD says, “The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³²It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of Egypt. Although I was like a husband to them, they did not keep that covenant. ³³The new covenant that I will make with the people of Israel will be this: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴None of them will have to teach a neighbor to know the LORD, because all will know me, from the least to the greatest. I will forgive their sins and I will no longer remember their wrongs. I, the LORD, have spoken.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

GRACE

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 46

Reader: God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

ALL: So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; ³ even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.

Reader: There is a river that brings joy to the city of God, to the sacred house of the Most High.

ALL: God is in that city, and it will never be destroyed; at early dawn he will come to its aid.

Reader: Nations are terrified, kingdoms are shaken; God thunders, and the earth dissolves.

ALL: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Reader: Come and see what the LORD has done. See what amazing things he has done on earth.

ALL: He stops wars all over the world; he breaks bows, destroys spears, and sets shields on fire.

Reader: “Stop fighting,” he says, “and know that I am God, supreme among the nations, supreme over the world.”

ALL: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

DISCIPLESHIP READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

Reader: Now we know that everything in the Law applies to those who live under the Law, in order to stop all human excuses and bring the whole world under God's judgment. ²⁰ For no one is put right in God's sight by doing what the Law requires; what the Law does is to make us know that we have sinned.

²¹ But now God's way of putting people right with himself has been revealed. It has nothing to do with law, even though the Law of Moses and the prophets gave their witness to it. ²² God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ, because there is no difference at all: ²³ everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. ²⁴ But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free. ²⁵⁻²⁶ God offered him, so that by his blood^[a] he should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in him. God did this in order to demonstrate that he is righteous. In the past he was patient and overlooked people's sins; but in the present time he deals with their sins, in order to demonstrate his righteousness. In this way God shows that he himself is righteous and that he puts right everyone who believes in Jesus.

²⁷ What, then, can we boast about? Nothing! And what is the reason for this? Is it that we obey the Law? No, but that we believe.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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ALL: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader/
Cantor

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

ALL:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING**

JOHN 8:31-36

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 8. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: So Jesus said to those who believed in him, “If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; ³²you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ “We are the descendants of Abraham,” they answered, “and we have never been anybody's slaves. What do you mean, then, by saying, ‘You will be free’?”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “I am telling you the truth: everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave does not belong to a family permanently, but a son belongs there forever. ³⁶ If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

*HYMN OF THE DAY #787

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*PRAYER SONG HYMN #751

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the first line of the hymn: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me." The second staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the second line: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: God of Grace, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Rick, Kolton, Ron, Jim, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Emelyn, Isabella, Mary Ann, Kevin, Shirley, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Doug, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Holly, Tessa, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, and Cooper.

*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

**All: 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**



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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: and also with you

Please share God's peace.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: In gratitude for all that we have received from God let us now bring our tithes and offerings for the work and mission of God's church.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #182

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: God of power and plenty, all things belong to you. We ask you to bless these gifts that we have given and guide us to use them for the mission and work of your church in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

GOD NOURISHES US

*THE TABLE PRAYER

Leader: God of all creation, all you have made is good.

ALL: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 129

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

ALL: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life and the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. And so, with all the universe and the hosts of heaven, we join in praise and sing...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying

ALL: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Leader: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying

ALL: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Leader: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

DISTRIBUTION

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

VERSE 1

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join me prayer,

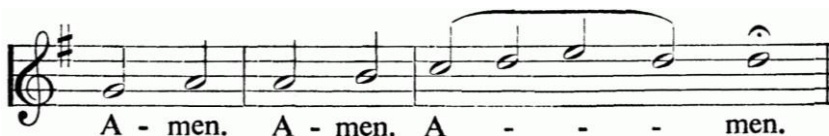
ALL: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

***THE AMEN**



***SENDING HYMN #836**

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

***DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



ELCA "Hunger Appeal" Offering - Each week as we leave worship, we remember the poor by placing loose change offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex.

Please remember to stop by the Information Table and sign the greeting cards, reminding our members and friends that we are thinking about them.

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WE GIVE THANKS: for the Lay Leadership of this congregation. Thanks be to God!

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MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

COMPANION CHURCH: Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS: all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

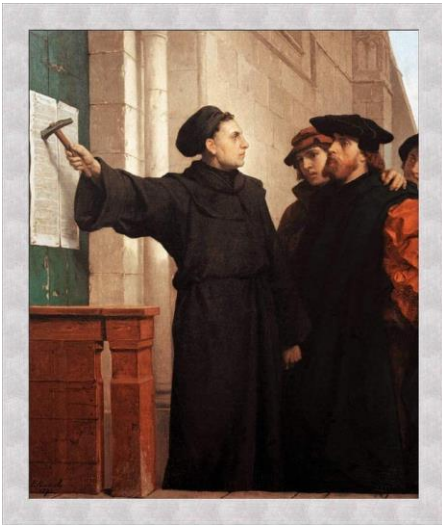
THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



North Baltimore Food Pantry November requested donations include: laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.

Our local food pantry is planning to prepare 25 food boxes for those in need in our community. We are being asked to provide **25 cans of sweet potatoes/yams and 25 cans of cranberry sauce**. Please place your donations on the shelves above the coat racks in Luther Hall by **November 12**. Thank you.

Reformation Sunday



On Halloween of 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Church. These 95 Theses expressed his concerns over corruption found in the Catholic church. One of his primary concerns was the church selling “indulgences” to people in order to release them from having to serve penitence for their sins. An act which he considered to be people trying to buy their way into heaven. This act opened up a debate with religious scholars of the time that eventually lead to the Protestant Reformation. Let us

remember that we are not just a reformed church, but a church that is constantly reforming while holding on to the love, grace and the mighty power of our God. **At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free. The Reformation is still about Jesus.**

A PRAYER FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

O Lord our God, on Reformation Sunday we remember the complex legacy of our church. Grant us the internal space to view the ancestors of our faith as their whole selves, gifts and sins together. Help us to rejoice in the legacy of the Reformation, to be a church that embraces our role in the public sphere alongside Christians of other traditions and people of other faiths. In our life together, make us an ever-closer likeness of your beloved community. And outside the walls of our community of faith, enable us each to pursue a life, not of completion, but one that looks to the future with confidence that your Holy Spirit will bring all things to their proper end. Until then, may we be “reformed and being always reforming,” not as a principle in and of itself, but according to your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Chris Currie October 24, 2022



UP-COMING DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

- November 5 - All Saints' Sunday
- November 6 - Church Office will be closed
- November 12 - Annual Fundraising Dinner
- November 19 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 24 - Church office will be closed



Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.

Jesus Is Really into Relationships!

Love God, love neighbor, and love self. Jesus is really into relationships! Oftentimes, even if unintentionally, we put loving self first, and because “we are bound to sin and cannot free ourselves” we usually do a poor job of actually loving ourselves. This means we have less love to give to neighbor and even less for God. Jesus puts relationship with God first. He doesn’t do this to make us last but so that we can fully understand love and relationship the way God desires it for us.

JESUS REPLIED: “LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: ‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’”
MATTHEW 22:37-39

Today’s readings give us insight into the ways God desires us to be in relationship: by being just in all our dealings with others, by not being lead astray by the wicked, by sharing the gospel with humility and tender care, and by loving God and neighbor. It might sound

simple, but relationships are far from simple. Relationships are complex creatures with complex issues. Even the best relationships include struggle.

People in our congregations struggle with relationships each and every day. Love should be an easy thing, but it takes work and effort to love God, love others, and love oneself. The psalmist uses the image of trees planted by streams of water to describe people who “delight in the law of the LORD.” These are not weak, brittle, or dying trees; these are strong trees that prosper. Our faith plants us, nourishes us, and strengthens us to love.

How can we be like trees planted by streams of water? In what ways can the church help people to make and maintain healthy relationships? How do we encourage self-worth and humility? This is an excellent day to ask these questions, to create forums where answers can be discussed, and to remind one another how much God truly loves us.

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