

# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



## Order of Worship

*October 31, 2021 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 119:46; Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

*Thank you.*

# Reformation Celebration Worship



**As we gather ...** *Today we celebrate the Reformation, remembering the accomplishments of Martin Luther and other reformers of his day, who sought to hold the Church accountable for clearly communicating the truth of God's Word. That truth teaches us that the Gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ sets us free from sin and death. God accomplishes our salvation in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On account of this, we are set free to be the people of God, to work in His kingdom, and to live in His love as His called, redeemed, and forgiven people. God bless your time in worship today.*

## Welcome

## Invocation

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **Amen.**

## Reading

*Ephesians 2:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# Opening Song

# Only By Grace

Gustafson

Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse

On - ly by grace can we en - - - ter

on - ly by grace can we stand,

not by our hu - man en - deav - - - or,

but by the blood of the Lamb;

in - to Your pres - ence You call us. You

call us to come


in - to Your pres - ence, You draw us and


now by Your grace we come,


now by Your grace we come.


Lord, if You mark our trans - gres -


sions, who would stand?

23  
  
 Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed

25  
  
 by the blood of the Lamb.

28 *Coda*  
  
 now by Your grace we come.

30  
  
 Now by Your grace we come,

32 *Fine*  
  
 now by Your grace we come.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

**C** **By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?**

*Romans 6:1-2*

**P** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**C** **we too might walk in newness of life.**

*Romans 6:4*

## Prayer of Confession

**P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.

**C** **We have not always lived our lives according to your will.**

**P** We have often failed to live up to your expectations.

**C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

- P** But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,  
**C** **you will hear our cry, and grant us your forgiveness.**

*Silence for confession and reflection*

- P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you...
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P** Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full – it is finished! The victory is won! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 46*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Song of Praise

# Speak, O Lord

Getty, Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -  
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our  
grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -  
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your  
thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their  
walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the



pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

## First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.



## Epistle

*Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 8:31–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**



## Sermon

"Just Jesus"

*Romans 3:19–28*



Sermon Song

In Christ Alone

Townend, Getty

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is  
 2. In Christ a - lone! who took on  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in

found, He is my light, my strength, my  
 flesh, Ful - ness of God in help - - - less  
 lay, Light of the world by dark - - - ness  
 death, This is the pow'r of Christ in

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 babel This gift of love and right - eous -  
 slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 me; From life's first cry to fin - al

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to  
 Day Up from the grave He rose a -  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - - - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
 save; Till on that cross as Je - sus  
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to -  
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 died, The wrath of God was sat - is -  
 ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 man, Can ev - er pluck me from His

ceasel My Com - for - ter, my All in  
 fied For - ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 me, For I am His and He is  
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me

All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Gracious heavenly Father, we thank You for the comfort of the Gospel restored to Your Church on earth through the work of Martin Luther and other faithful pastors and leaders during the Reformation. We praise You that by Your rich grace we have come to the sure knowledge that we stand justified before You, not by what we have done, but rather by faith in what Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has done on our behalf. We implore You, defend Your Church from all enemies of Your saving Word. Cause Your eternal Gospel to be proclaimed in our time to every nation, tribe, language and people on earth, and graciously preserve Your truth for generations to come.

*Response after each petition*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we do not become ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in Your grace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together:
- C** **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.**

## Blessing

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

**Song**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** *Hedge, Luther, Walker*

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3, Chorus, Verse 4, Chorus*

1. A might - y for - tress is — our God, A  
 2. Did we in our — own strength con - fide, Our  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should  
 4. That word a - bove — all earth - ly pow'rs No

4  
 bul - wark nev - er fail - ing Our help - er  
 striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the  
 threat - en to un - do — us, We will not  
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it

7  
 He — a - mid — the flood Of mor - tal ills pre -  
 right — man on — our side, The man of God's own  
 fear, — for God — hath willed His truth to tri - umph  
 and — the gifts — are ours Thru Him who with us

10  
 vail - ing For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to  
 choos - ing Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus,  
 thru — us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble  
 sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal

14  
 work us woe His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with  
 it is He Lord Sab - a - oth His name, From age to  
 not for him His rage we can en - dure, For lo, his  
 life al - so - The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a -

18  
 cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 doom is sure: - One lit - tle word shall fell — him.  
 bid - eth still: His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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**3rd and 4th Times To Bridge** **BRIDGE**

A might - y for - tress A might - y  
 for - tress is our God.  
 A might - y for - tress A might - y  
 for - tress is our God. 1 *D.C. al Fine* 2 *Fine*

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## REFORMATION DAY

31 October 2021

### Readings

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

### ***The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace***

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32).



## ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

7 November 2021

### Readings

Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17

1 John 3:1–3

Matthew 5:1–12

### ***Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ***

*"A great multitude ... from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,"* cry out, *"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne"* (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time, with unified voices, eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

