



Central Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Allegro from **Autumn**, Op. 8 No. 3

Vivaldi

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, have mercy on us. **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, let us live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

HYMN #504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *(sung by cantors)*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No



sword and shield vic - to - - rious; He breaks the cruel op -
 would be lost, re - ject - - ed. But now a cham - pion
 threat - ning to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, un -
 thanks to foes, who fear it; For God him - self fights



pres - sor's rod And wins sal - va - tion glo - - -
 comes to fight, Whom God him - self e - lect - - -
 moved we stand; They can - not o - ver - pow'r
 by our side With weap - ons of the Spir - - -



rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe has sworn to work us
 ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is
 us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle we'll en -
 it; Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or, child, or



woe! With craft and dread - ful might he arms him - self to
 he! Christ Je - sus might - y Lord, God's on - ly Son, a -
 gage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre -
 spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They can - not win the



fight, On earth he has no e - - - qual.
 dored. He holds the field vic - to - - rious.
 vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 day; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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.**

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.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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 life. **Thanks be to God.**

(9am) ANTHEM

God's Son Has Made Me Free

Grieg

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

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 *(sung by cantors)*

Alleluia; Repeat Antiphon following the verse.

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

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

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

The Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter. **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.**

SERMON

Sister Clare Josef-Maier



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each portion of the prayers when the Leader says: “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond: **“Hear our prayer.”**

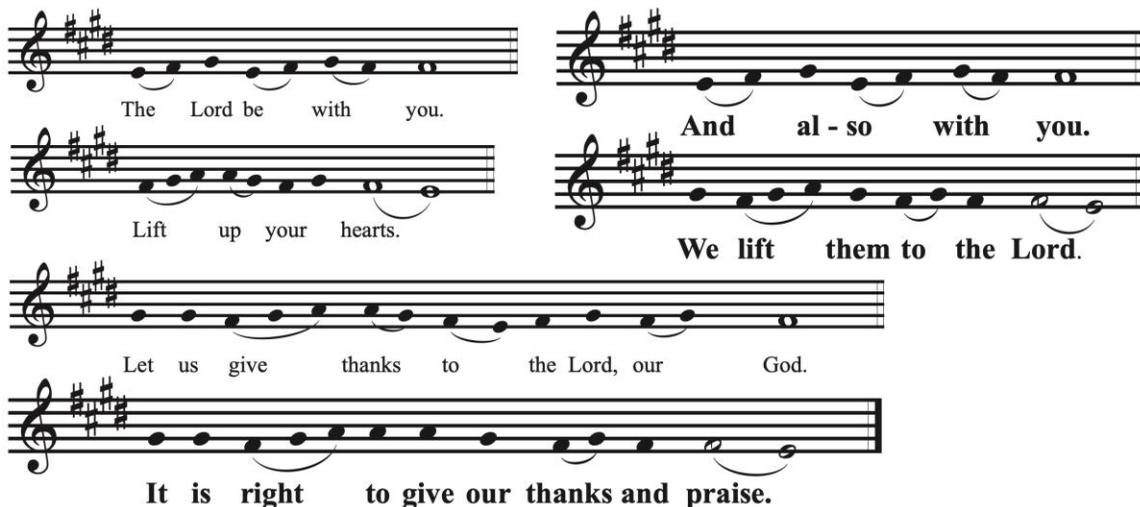
PEACE

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

(9am) ANTHEM *He Shall Feed His Flock* from **Messiah** Handel
Alyse Jamieson and Sonia Cummings, soloists

(11am) ANTHEM *Lost in the Night* Sonia Cummings & David Gustafson

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung by cantors)*



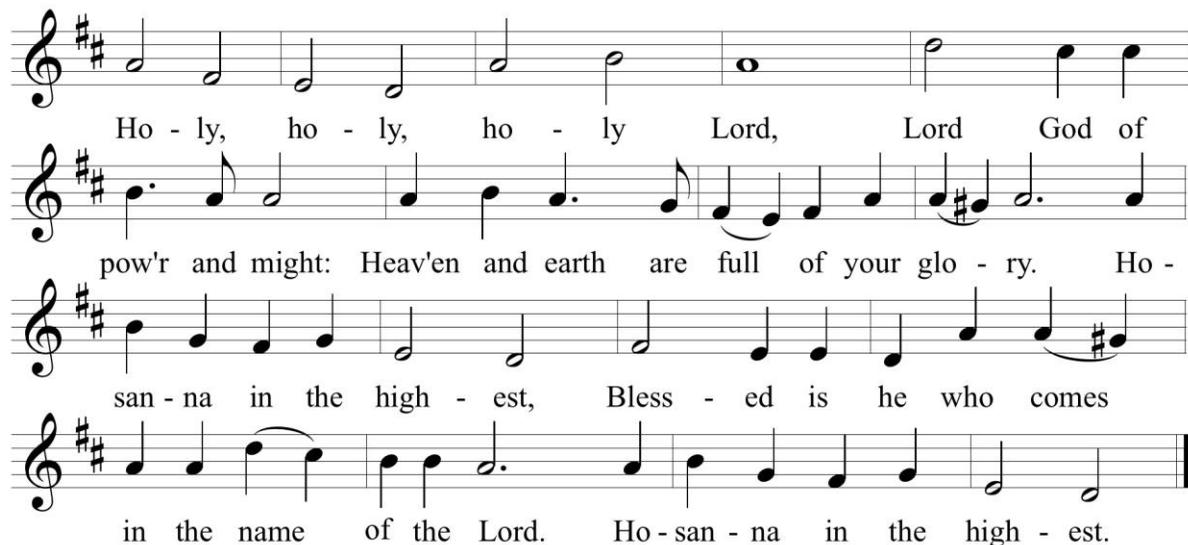
The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And al - so with you.
We lift them to the Lord.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer our and praise to you, Holy God, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name:

SANCTUS *(sung by cantors)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

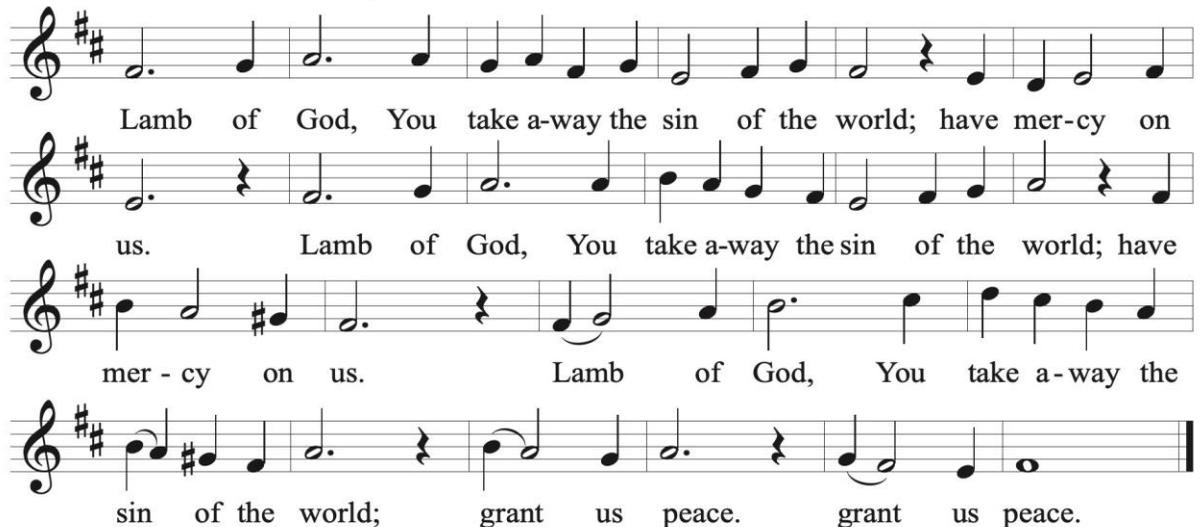
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord 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.

LAMB OF GOD *(sung by cantors)*



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. grant us peace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS AND DISTRIBUTION

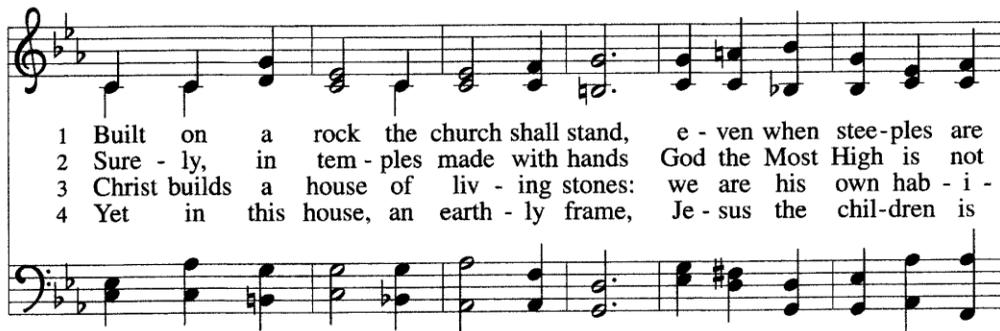
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

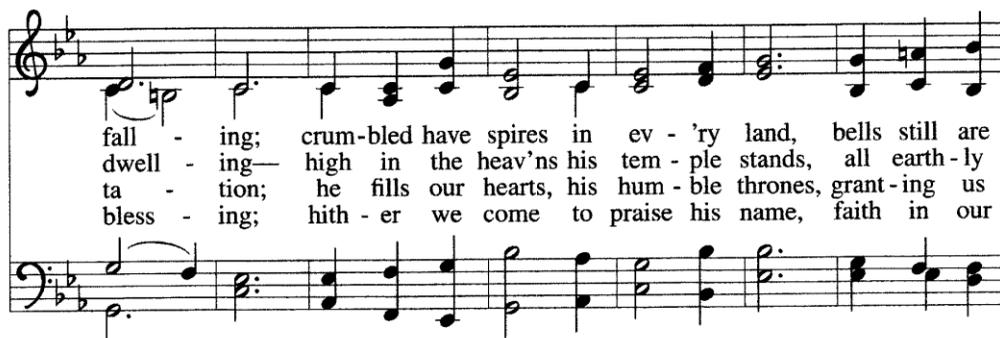
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

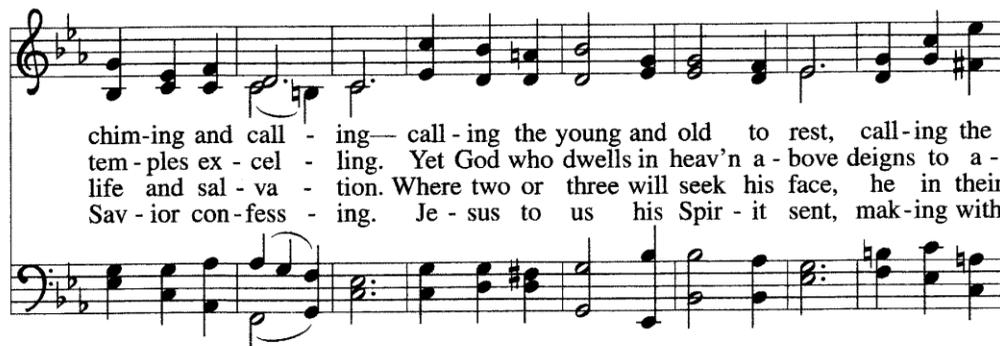
HYMN #652 Built on a Rock, The Church Does Stand *(sung by cantors)*



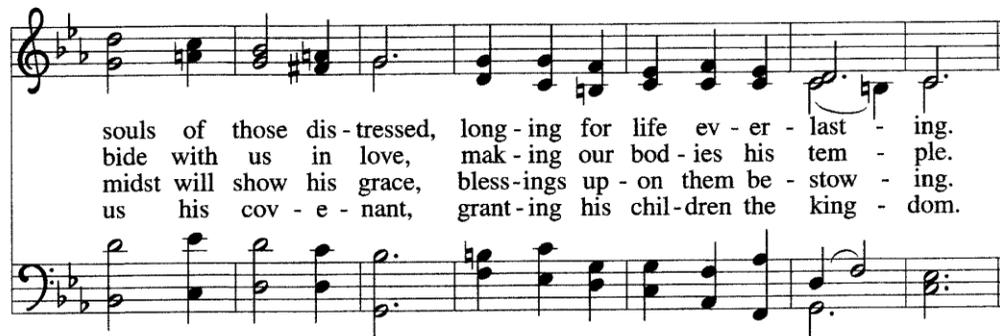
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

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 knows me;
You, not the world, my face shall see; My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Toccata in D, BuxWV 155*

Bach

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Today’s Worship Leaders

Presider: Dr. Dennis Lindsay

Preacher: Sister Clare Josef-Maier

Organist/Choirmaster: Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook

Associate Organist: Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers

Vocalists: Bethany Battafrano, Naomi Castro, Sonia Cummings, Alyse Jamieson,
Blake Balmeseda, Dylan Bunten, David Gustafson, John Shields

Door Monitors: Meg Hicks and Janice Stine

Tech Support: Thomas Stine and Ted Hicks

Webmaster: Chuck Dietz

The readings for next week are: Rev. 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
(Don’t forget to turn your clocks back next Saturday night!)

Today we say farewell to Sonia Cummings, one of our sopranos. She has completed her Masters in vocal performance and returns to Wisconsin with her fiancé who will finish his degree work there. We shall miss you. Thank you, Sonia. God bless!