

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

10:15 am

### Prelude

### Welcome

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.

### Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn: ELW #513 "Listen, God is Calling"

*Refrain:* Listen, Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

1. **Jesus gave his mandate; share the good news that he came to save us and set us free.** *Refrain*
2. **Let none be forgotten throughout the world. In the triune name of God go and baptize.** *Refrain*

**3. Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in your precepts, led by your Word. Refrain**

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**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.**

## *Readings and Psalm*

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It 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. <sup>33</sup> But 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. <sup>34</sup> No 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: Psalm 46**

<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 should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

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

<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 the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> **The nations are in an uproar; 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 refuge.

<sup>8</sup> **Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought 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 shields with fire.

**10 "Be still, and know that I am God!**

**I am exalted among the nations;**

**I am exalted in the earth."**

**11** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## **Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

**19** Now 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. **20** For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. **21** But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, **22** the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, **23** since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; **24** they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; **26** it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

**27** Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. **28** For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. *Alleluia.* (John 8:31-32)

The Holy Gospel according to the book of John, beginning with the Eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: John 8:31-36**

**31** Then 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.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: ELW #779 "Amazing Grace"

1. **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
2. **"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
5. **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.**

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### Apostles' Creed

**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.**

### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### Offering

**Offering Hymn: ELW #686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" 1<sup>st</sup> verse**

1. **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

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## **Offering Prayer**

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **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 thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

#### **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.**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

#### **Distribution Hymn: ELW #785 "When Peace Like A River"**

- 1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

*Refrain:* **It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

- 2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded by helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain***
- 3. He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain***
- 4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

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## **Post-communion Blessing Prayer after Communion**

## **Blessing**

God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn: ELW #504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**
- 2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus mighty Lord, God's only Son adored. He holds the field victorious.**
- 3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! On little word subdues him.**
- 4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse, thought life he wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!**

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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## **Announcements:**

~ Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at Calvary 9:00 am. Come and See.

~ Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024.

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