

October 28-29, 2023

Reformation Day Celebrated



# REFORMATION

## SUNDAY



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## **Reformation Day**

*The Time In Between—  
A time for steadfast faith*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** God of power and majesty, you are our mighty refuge and our solid rock. Bless us this day and in the week ahead for the sake of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Jesus told his followers, *"You will be hated by everyone because of me"* (Matthew 10:22). Satan and the world hate Christ and anyone who confesses faith in Christ, making the time between Christ's first and second coming perilous for believers. Martin Luther is a good example. Luther wanted to share the pure gospel with the world. For trying to do that, both political and religious leaders attempted to end his life. The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes the true Church's unflinching reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testimony to that Word even in the face of harsh persecution. Today we pray that the Lord would keep us steadfast in the faith and give us the peace of knowing that our lives are safe in his hands.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** In the great timeline of human history, there are two significant points: the first time Christ came to our world to win salvation and the second time Christ will come to establish his everlasting kingdom. We live in the time in between those two points. As the church year draws to a close, Scripture points us toward the end of time when Christ will come again. Until then Christ teaches us how to live in the time in between.

**THE REFORMATION:** On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses—statements for debate—on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, beginning a spiritual and historical movement known as the Reformation. The Reformation did not just change the face of Europe; it restored the gospel to the church. It gave God's Word to the people. As we celebrate the Reformation, we are not honoring the man for whom our church body is named. We are thanking God for his grace which he has demonstrated through the generations—preserving the church and setting us free.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Ryan Wolfe

Piano/Organ: Jessica Klatt, Luke Dorn

Cantors: Abigail Ibsch, Lydia Mattson, Luke and Alli Dorn

Handbell Director: Jessie Wolfe

# Order of Worship

*CW Hymnal, Setting One*



## HYMN: O God Our Help In Ages Past

CW 820 sts. 1,3-4, 6



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
still be our guard while trou-bles last and our e - ter - nal home!

*Please remain seated.*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## DIALOGUE FOR REFORMATION

*Selected verses from the Psalms*

M: I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**C: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

M: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

**C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

M: The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

**C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him.

**C: I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths; O LORD my God,  
I called to you for help and you healed me.**

M: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we  
will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart  
of the sea.

**C: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

M: Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts  
only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

**C: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his saints.**

## O Church Arise

CW 870

On Sunday the choir will sing the first three verses. All join to sing verse four.



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



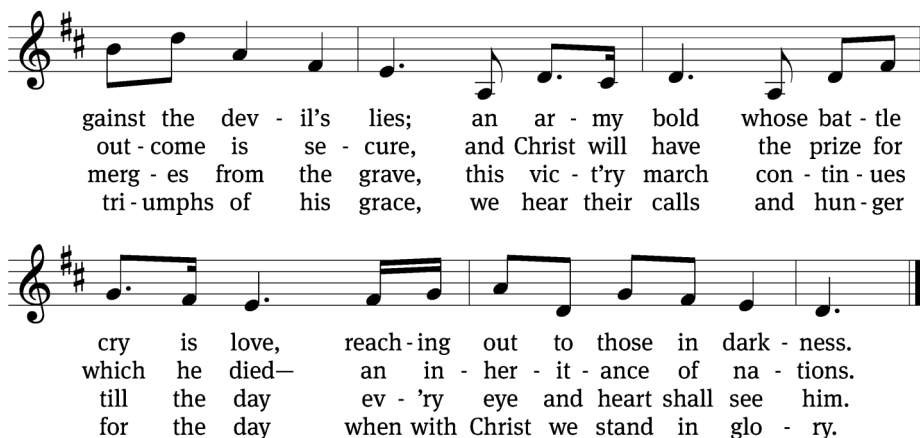
call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Reading

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

*Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel got on his knees and prayed to the Lord as he always had, demonstrating steadfast faith.*

<sup>10</sup>Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. <sup>11</sup>Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. <sup>12</sup>So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

<sup>16</sup>So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

<sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup>Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup>At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant

of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup>Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

<sup>23</sup>The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **(Sunday) Be Still** (Based on Psalm 46)

*Salem Choir*

By H. Frombach & M. McDonald

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;  
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, My child, be still,  
And know that I will give you rest, I am present in your pain  
and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;  
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you; My peace, I give unto you. Peace. Peace. Peace.  
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still. Be still.  
Be still.

## **Second Reading**

Romans 3:19-28

*God justifies those who have been given the gift of steadfast faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel

Matthew 10:16-23

*Our trust in Jesus doesn't mean absence of persecution, but faithfulness in spite of it.*

<sup>16</sup>"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup>But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup>for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 864



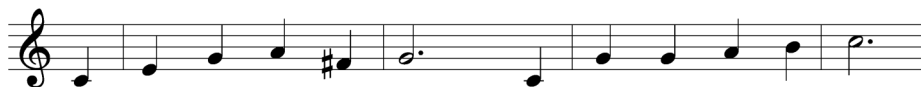
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry  
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant  
to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no  
thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.  
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;  
You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,  
The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,  
And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in  
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the  
his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is  
though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.  
same; he holds the field for - ev - er.  
done; one lit - tle word can fell him.  
won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



*“Stand firm to the end, and give God the glory”*

*Please stand after the sermon.*

## THANKSGIVING

### **Apostles’ Creed**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*Be seated.*

### **Offering & Handbell Anthem**



Our members give offerings to support God’s work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren’t expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



*Please stand.*

### **Prayer of the Church**

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

# Hymn: Reformation Song

CW 877

First verse will be sung by a cantor.



1 Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground,  
2 Thro' faith a - lone we come to you;  
3 In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied;  
4 By grace a - lone we have been saved;



the might - y rock on which we build.  
we have no mer - it we can claim.  
his right - eous - ness is all our plea.  
all that we are has come from you.



In ev - 'ry line the truth is found,  
Sure that your prom - is - es are true,  
Your law's de - mands are sat - is - fied;  
Hearts that were once by sin en - slaved



and ev - 'ry page with glo - ry filled. v. 2  
we place our hope in Je - sus' name.  
his per - fect work has set us free.  
now by your pow'r have been made new.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Hymn: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CW 640



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. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its  
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

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### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am Sunday morning. Adults are invited to the voters' meeting in the sanctuary at the same time.

### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: A Time to Focus on Future Glory

Bible Readings: Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Hymns: 880, 837, 884

# ***Welcome to worship!***

## **FOR OUR GUESTS**

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

## **FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

