



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2020
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please tune your radio to 98.1 FM.

PRELUDE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

POWELL

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, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 652

BUILT ON A ROCK

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| <p>1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.</p> <p>2 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.</p> | <p>3 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.</p> |
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

A reading from Jeremiah.

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 the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 *The congregation is invited to join the cantor in singing the refrain.*



The LORD of hosts is with__ us. The God of Jac-ob is__ our strong-hold!

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

⁹Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹¹"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹²The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING**ROMANS 3:19-28**

A reading from Romans.

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

The Congregation joins the Cantor in singing the Gospel Acclamation.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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GOSPEL**JOHN 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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.

CHILDREN’S TIME**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER****SERMON****PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

HYMN OF THE DAY

LORD, MY STRENGTH



1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.



Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -
Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road



- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,
I will take; be the thoughts that I keep



help me walk with - in your light.
and in ev - 'ry word I speak.



3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The congregation responds to each petition with "hear our prayer."

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share the peace either by waving to your car neighbors or by taking this time to quickly send a text message offering God's peace.

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 our thanks and praise.

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed 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

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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The Pastor will provide an invitation for those communing to eat the bread, with these words:

Take and eat. This is the body of Christ given for you.
Amen.

Afterwards, the Pastor will also provide the invitation to drink the juice.

Take and drink. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.
Amen.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN 504

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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!
One little word subdues him.</p> <p>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,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CHARPENTIER

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Colonial Gardens Nursing Home – Irene S. Poole

Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt, Martha Haigler

NHC Parklane – Mary Allen, Becky Silvia

The Palmettos – Sara Loyd

Rice Estate – Grace Boozer

Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll, Bev Weymouth

Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter, Dot Gibert

At their homes – Larry Evans, Curtis Easter

OCTOBER 18, 2020 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Drive-In Worship Service: 95

**While we are not worshipping in the Sanctuary,
Financial Reports may be obtained by calling the church office**

***Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$8,825**

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$6,640**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Food Pantry	\$124	Capital Improvements	\$125
Altar Flowers	\$60	Memorial Fund	\$420
September Social Ministry Focus – Big Red Barn	\$120	World Hunger Relief	\$50
October Social Ministry Focus – Lutheran Disaster Response	\$160	Lutheran World Relief	\$75

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Savannah Gross for her 13th birthday and in honor of Wright Collins for his 14th birthday.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT – THIS AFTERNOON – Join us this afternoon from 4:00-5:00 p.m. for our socially distanced Trunk-or-Treat! Please park in the lower parking lot and follow the signs to the upper parking lot of parked cars. Anyone who would like to decorate a space or trunk or bring a lawn chair and hand out candy, is asked to be in their spot by 3:45 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone this afternoon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTION FROM LEARNING COMMITTEE – The Learning Committee would like to know if there would be any interest in having a Sunday School class in the FAB immediately after the Drive-In Service. The number of attendees would be limited, social distancing practiced, and masks required. If this is something you would be interested in attending, please let Pastor Andrew know when you are leaving Drive-In Worship, email Katie at katiebrettbostic@gmail.com, or leave a message at the church office.

GSLC GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE – The deadline for applications for GSLC foundation grants is November 1. Applications are available on the church website or on the table in front of the Chapel.

2022 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT PLANNING MEETING – It has been decided by Council that our next congregational retreat will be in 2022. Lutheridge has been contacted and almost any date is available for 2022. If you are interested in attending this retreat, please attend an in-person meeting in the FAB on Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m., to discuss a date to submit to Lutheridge. Any questions, please contact Karen Lucas at 803-730-7651 or email at klucas4@aol.com.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study. *Masks and social distancing required. See email from 10-1-2020 for more details.*

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OCTOBER EMPHASIS - Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the ELCA. Money collected will be designated for relief for victims of West Coast fires and Gulf Coast hurricanes. LDR has long been considered one of the best and most cost-effective disaster relief organizations in the country. Representatives of LDR work with local communities to provide immediate as well as long-term aid to disaster victims. All money collected goes directly to provide relief for the disaster victims. Contributions may be sent to or dropped off at the church office any time during the month. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for “Lutheran Disaster Response.”