

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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October 29, 2017 - 10:30 AM

Reformation Sunday - Holy Communion

Prelude

Welcome

* Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection.

L: Source of all life,

C: **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

L: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen**

* Gathering Song . . . "A Mighty Fortress" (vs 1-2) . . . **ELW #504**

* Greeting (Pastor) ELW page 203

* Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation" (vs 1) **ELW #654**

* Prayer of the Day (Lay Worship Assistant) TR

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

Psalms 46 (read responsively) TR

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

* Gospel Acclamation (sung) . . . "Alleluia" . . . ELW page 205

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon "God's Grace-Making Us Free-500 Years and Forever"

* Hymn of the Day "Now is the Time" Insert

* Apostles' Creed

C: **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.**

* Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer bid ends with the words:

P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer.**

* Peace ELW page 206

Offering

Choir Anthem "O Lord, My God, You are My Refuge"

* Offertory Song "Come to the Table" **ELW #481**

* Offering Prayer (Lay Worship Assistant)

* The Holy Communion (Led by Pastor) ELW page 206

* Preface for Reformation (Pastor)

* "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (sung) ELW page 207

* Special Thanksgiving Prayer at the Table - Anniversary of the Reformation (Pastor)

* The Lord's Prayer (all) ELW page 208

* "O Lamb of God" (sung) ELW page 208

Invitation to Communion - "Speak to us, O Lord, in the
breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

Hymn during Distribution "For By Grace" **ELW #598**

Communion Table Blessing (Pastor)

Prayer after Communion (Lay Worship Assistant)

Mission Announcements

* Blessing (Pastor)

* Sending Song "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" **ELW #509**

* Dismissal P: Go in peace. Sound the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

The Asterisk () indicates to please stand if you are able; ELW is the red
"Evangelical Lutheran Worship" in the pew rack.*

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

*If you would like more information about this community of faith,
please speak to Pastor Deal.*

Altar flowers today are presented by Ben and Tanya Naska in
honor of Benjamin John's 10th birthday.

Serving in our worship this morning:

Council Communion Assistants: Ken Anderson, Cathy Mueller

Acolyte & Youth Communion Assistant Hunter Aquino

Lay Worship Assistant Kerri Rhine

Greeter Nancy Moskella

Head Usher Ben Naska

Altar Guild & Communion Bread: Mary Crouse, Nancy Moskella

Counters Ken Anderson, Cathy Mueller

Organist/Choir Director Carolyn Williams

Parish Secretary Ann Wong

Custodian Dianna Streletz

Calendar

Care-A-Lot Preschool meets Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 AM - 12:30 PM

TODAY, October 29, 2017

9:00 AM Christian Education for children/Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM Special Reformation Communion Service

**Tuesday, October 31 - Reformation Day! Actual 500th
Anniversary of the Reformation!**

2-3:30 PM - Select Learning - "How Lutherans Interpret
the Bible"

Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints' Day

Choir

6:30 PM
Rehearsal



**Daylight Savings time ends during the night of November 5-
turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. Enjoy an
extra hour!**

NEXT Sunday, November 5 - All Saints' Sunday - We remember
all the saints triumphant, especially those who have died in the
last 12 months.





Today's Readings

Reformation Sunday

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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.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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.

Psalm

Psalm 46; tone 1



God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear,
though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains
shake in the depths¹ of the sea;
³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains
tremble¹ with its tumult.
⁴There is a river whose streams
make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation
of¹ the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city;
it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it
at the¹ break of day.
⁶The nations rage,
and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks,
and the earth¹ melts away.
⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
⁸Come now,
regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations
God has brought up-¹on the earth;

Psalm, continued

⁹behold the one
who makes war to cease
in ¹all the world;
who breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear,
and burns the ¹shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then,
and know that ¹I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted ¹in the earth.”
¹¹The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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. 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.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Jesus 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.”

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Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Sunday Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 **OR 22nd Sunday after Pentecost** Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12.

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