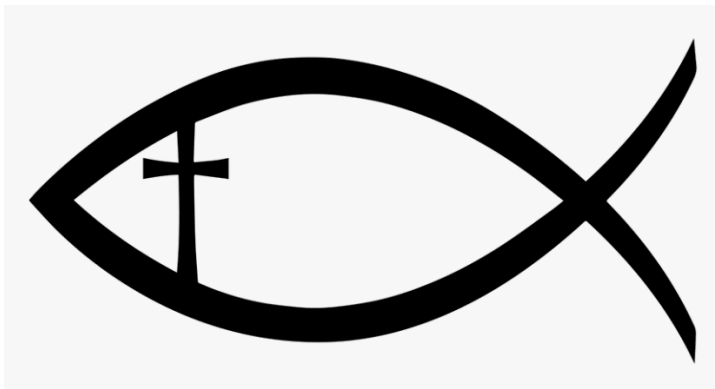


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**October 31, 2021 – SEASON OF PENTECOST**  
**10:30 AM - REFORMATION DAY/ HOLY COMMUNION**  
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**Organ Prelude - "Laudamus Te" - Carl F. Mueller**

**Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,  
The Rev. James Heckman**

**Introduction to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness** (Stand if you are able)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from the injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - ELW #504 - "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

(Stand if you are able)

**Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

**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.*

(Please be Seated)

## **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. 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. 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. 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.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**      PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Psalm 46 (read responsively)**

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

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and 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 shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob  
is our stronghold.

**<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

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

**<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;**

**I will be exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is 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. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (said by all - Please stand)**

**(sung)** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to His name!*

Pastor: **The holy gospel according to John:**

PEOPLE: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

## **The Holy 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; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Pastor: **The gospel of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

**Message/ Sermon - The Rev. James Heckman**

**Choir Anthem: “God is our Refuge and Strength” - Allen Pote**

APOSTLES' CREED (Please stand , if able)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 and Intercessions:**

Pastor: **Hear us, O God.**

People: **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.**

People: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**Jesus' Words of Institution (said by Pastor)**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

Pastor: **All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.**

(At this time, remove the seal at the bottom of the small chalice, remove the small piece of bread. Hold it in your hand)

P: **This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.** (Eat the bread)

(At this time, remove the seal above the small chalice. Hold the chalice in your hand.)

P: **This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.**

(Drink the wine or grape juice. Set down the small chalice for prayer.)

P: (Communion Blessing) **The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. AMEN.**

**Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)**

**Blessing (Pastor) :** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. AMEN.

**Closing Hymn - ELW #655 - "Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

(Stand if you are able)

**Dismissal:**

Pastor: **Go in peace. The living world dwells in you.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Piano Postlude - "A Mighty Fortress is our God" Arr. Anne Krentz Organ**

## Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Nicholas Phillips
Lector	- Becky Praster
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Scott Gaun, Dianna Streletz
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, October 31st - **10:30AM** - HOLY COMMUNION/ REFORMATION DAY will be celebrated with Guest Preacher, The Rev. James Heckman - Live inside with masks and also livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- NEXT SUNDAY, November 7<sup>th</sup> - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/ Holy Communion with Guest Preacher, Rev. David Lutcher
- NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> - Mary Couse; Laura De Walt
- NOVEMBER BAPTISMS - NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> - Grace Litzenberger
- NOVEMBER "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" go to Lutheran Disaster Response

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Cheryl Mesko; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams and Joanne & Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Harry & Terry Bachart; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Clarence Hoover Jr.; Kathy J.; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merkhams; Clint O'Connor; Sue Odor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Ron Steele; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Rocco Vonelli; and Linda Wilson.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; and Jayne Miller.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Brian Ashmore, Jr; Phyllis Boyer; Robert Harman; Craig Hartzell; Ruth Holena; Dean Litzenberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; The Rhine Family; Randy Rilling; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; Alex Ulrey; and Rudolf von Watzdorf.

**For those in Health Care:** Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharron Streletz.

**Essential postal workers:** Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson.