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October 30, 2022- REFORMATION SUNDAY

10:30 AM – Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10

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Prelude – "Agincourt Hymn" - John Dunstable

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence for reflection)

God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW #505 - " A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie ELW Page 203

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

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.

L: The First Reading is from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 46

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

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

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

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

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

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

⁹behold 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.

¹⁰**Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

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

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.

L: The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of Romans

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.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205

The Holy Gospel - John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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 for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW #512 - "Lord, Let my Heart be Good Soil"

The 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 power of 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 and Intercessions:

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: Sing out Your Joy! - Victor C. Johnston

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (page 206)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface for Pentecost (spoken by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 207

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

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

“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 208

Hymn during Distribution- ELW# 591 - “That Priceless Grace”

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: ELW#663 - "Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress - Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Chase Aquino
Altar Guild	- Barba Naska and Serena Ashmore
Lector	- Val McGinn
Greeters	- TBD
Communion Usher	- TBD
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette/ Ken Anderson
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, October 30th - Reformation Sunday
- Following Worship – Forum: “How do we as Lutherans express our faith in the politics of our world today?”
- Next Sunday, November 6th – All Saints’ Sunday
Today is the deadline for names to be added to our All Saints’ List
- The Adult Bible study meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty.

UP-COMING ACTIVITES

- Sunday, Nov. 6th – 5:30 to 7:30 pm – Confirmation Class @ Durham
 - Monday, Nov. 7th – 7:00 pm - Perkasio Lutheran Ministry Meeting @ St. Luke, Ferndale
 - Monday, Nov. 14th – 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, Nov. 15th – 7:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting
 - Monday, Nov. 21st – 7:00 pm – Living Nativity Planning Meeting @ Durham
 - Friday, Nov. 25th – Office Closed for Thanksgiving
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- OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS- OCTOBER 30th - Benjamin J Naska; NOVEMBER 4th – Rev. James Heckman, Mary Crouse and Laura De Walt
 - OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER BAPTISMS- OCTOBER 30th- Jessica Johnson; NOVEMBER 6th – Grace Litzenberger
 - Our Outreach envelopes for November have been designated for World Hunger.
 - There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bethany & Julia Michl; Donnie Pyne; Donald Seipt; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Miriam Deal ; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson;; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving: Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jeffrey Tappler;