

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 30 & 31, 2021



Music of Preparation,
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: **“Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education.”**

Welcome: Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship. We gather in the name of our Triune God.

Devotions & Publications are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

The Lord’s Supper - A Reverent Sacrament
The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, “Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord’s cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord’s body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks.” In view of the serious nature of the Lord’s Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord’s Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.
NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, the four (4) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don’t be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available at the back of the church and on the information wall in the main (west) entryway at the school..

AS WE GATHER - *Reformation Sunday is not just a special day to celebrate our history by remembering the story of Martin Luther; it is a perfect opportunity to rejoice in the freedom we have been given from sin and death through Jesus Christ alone. By gathering to receive His Word and to share in His Supper, we come to know yet again the eternal Gospel that is being proclaimed to all who dwell on earth. This good news not only sets us free from our captivity to sin and death, but it also enables us to live a life of freedom in Christ and boldly share with others how they, too, may be set free. The same Savior who speaks His Word to us says to all who will listen: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).*

Before worship prayer
O Lord God, Heavenly Father, You gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification. By Your Holy Spirit grant us newness of life that through the power of Christ's resurrection we may dwell with Him forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

**+ PREPARATION +
 Sola Gratia - Grace Alone**

Opening Hymn: "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" *LSB, hymn #602*

The gifts Christ freely gives	He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,	His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts	Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ	And cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font	Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes	Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins	With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself	Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

The gifts of grace and peace	From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's	For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need	Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends	Us forth in His blest care.

The gifts are there each day	The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,	Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself,	Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing	Them for this world's strife.

The gifts are in the feast,	Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine	Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood	Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in	His peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One	Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love	Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us	Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His	Great love by which we live!

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
 P: Jesus said, "If you abide in My word,
C: you are truly My disciples,
 P: and you will know the truth,
C: and the truth will set you free." *John 8:31-32*
 P: God indeed is our refuge and strength, our help and our fortress. Our gracious God invites us to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness. With humble hearts, let us approach our Father's throne of grace.
 Gracious Father,
C: Because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.

P: Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God, to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father, and to set you free from sin and death. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast (Divine Service 1, page 155) *Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9*

C: **(Sung)**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray Almighty and gracious Lord, to know You is to know true freedom from sin and to live in the transforming power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we, who hold fast to the Word of Your Son, may never return to our captivity but walk daily in the new life we have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + Sola Scriptura - Scripture Alone

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

(Gospel Proclaimed Everywhere)

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth - to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

(Righteous Through Faith)

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human being will be justified in his sight by works of the law, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, 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 justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies him who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On the principle of works? No, but on the principle of faith. For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse - Common - (Divine Service 1, page 156-157) *John 6:68*

C: **(Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: **(Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus then 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 in bondage to any one. How is it that you say, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not continue in the house for ever; the son continues for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **(Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LSB, hymn #411*

I want to walk as a child of the light.
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world.
 The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

Refrain

*In Him there is no darkness at all.
 The night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.
 I want to look at Jesus.
 Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
 And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
 I want to be with Jesus.
 When we have run with patience the race,
 We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Sermon: "Really Free - - by Jesus" *John 8:34-36*

Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

(Based on Dr. Martin Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed.)

- P: Let us confess our faith and seek God's blessings in prayer. What does the First Article of the Apostles' Creed mean?
- C: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards *LSB, Hymn # 955*

- C: **(Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 Lord Jesus, You have freed us from the captivity to sin and death, from the delusion of trying to earn and maintain our own righteousness, and from the chains of condemnation and fear. That is why we rejoice in Your Word: If the Son sets you free,
 C: **you will be free indeed!**

P: Lord Jesus, only Your mercy and grace enable us to know, find, and live in the freedom of Your eternal Gospel. Send Your Spirit upon Your Church that we continue in the truths of the Reformation, and that, to all the peoples of the world, we proclaim this truth: If the Son sets you free,

C: you will be free indeed!

P: Lord Jesus, free us from self-centeredness and pride. Turn our focus toward You first in faith and then toward others in love. Bless all who serve You and others in their homes, in the church, in the workplace, and in our community to rejoice in knowing that if the Son sets you free,

C: you will be free indeed!

P: O God of hosts, we thank you for Your Supper to which You invite Your people. Give us repentant hearts and the gift of faith to receive the benefits of Your Son's true body and blood. If the Son sets you free,

C: you will be free indeed!

P: Lord Jesus, You proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery for those with infirmities. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Epecially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Rejoicing in Your healing touch, grant that all who receive Your Good News boldly say: If the Son sets you free,

C: you will be free indeed!

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy to do even more than we ask.

C: Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +
Sola Fide - Faith Alone**

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

ADMONITION TO COMMUNICANTS

P: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ; I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents his body and blood to us for forgiveness; that

you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that he showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by his blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, his body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in his name, according to his command, and with his own words administer and receive the Testament. We pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB629 - What Is This Bread

What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take,

Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see - the Lord is King.

So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see - the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

LSB658 - Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error's night.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.

Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood;
Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood.
Be always our defender When dangers gather round;
When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.

Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.

LSB706 - Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.

Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.

Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. . . . We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have nourished our bodies and souls through Your Holy Word and through the gift of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that we heed Your Gospel call to share throughout the world the message of Him who alone sets us free; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB, hymn #656

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

See You In Worship Next Week!

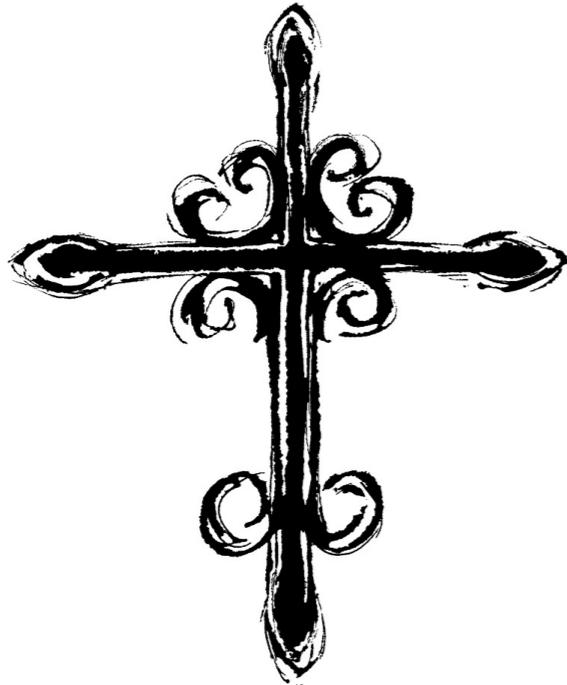
After worship prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us, to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after the service.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God for all of our blessings, by Jim & Melody Trudeau; also in loving memory of my parents, Phyllis & Glen Schnell, by Pat & Mike Hatch.



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SERVICE OF HOPE & COMFORT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas . . . It's the most wonderful time of the year!

For many it is. For some, Christmas may be a very difficult time of the year - difficult because of the loss of a loved one through death, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage.

It is difficult enough trying to go on with life, let alone trying to celebrate the Christmas holiday, especially when your heart aches because of the empty chair at the table, because a long-familiar voice is now still, because your body seems to revolt against you because of disease, because the depression is too much to bear, or because loneliness surrounds you even in a crowd.

It is at such times that we not only need to take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern, but we also need healing, comfort, and hope as only God can give. He wants us to know that we are not alone nor are we without hope.

For these reasons, you are invited on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. to come and hear God's Word, to meditate, and to join in singing hymns and carols of comfort and in praying for healing and hope. This service will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Kankakee (348 East Merchant Street). If you have questions or need directions, please call the church office at 932-0312.

Please accept this invitation to be with us - a time to move from feeling low and alone to knowing the wonder and hope of Christmas.

There is no need to RSVP - our doors are open to all who come. Please feel free to invite others to come with you as your support or, if you know of others who are having a difficult time at Christmas, please let them know that they are most welcome.

In the service of Christ and His people,
Pastor Karl Koeppen