



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, October 29, 2023 – 11:00 AM**

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**REFORMATION OBSERVED**

**(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

On this day when we observe and celebrate the Reformation, our Readings point us to remember the struggles and eventual insights of Martin Luther. God used these struggles and insights of one man in Germany to reshape the Church and let the true Gospel resound all over the world. Luther struggled as a young monk and professor because he had been taught that he, by his works of righteousness, might possibly then qualify to be loved by God. This teaching caused him nearly to despair entirely. But then he read Romans 3:23–24: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Struck by God’s Word here, Luther recognized that it is Christ’s work of righteousness—His dying and rising for sinners like Luther—that saves. Today is a celebration of what Christ has done for sinners like Luther and us.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

We are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.  
*Isaiah 64:8*

## **PRELUDE**

*(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)*

## **✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠**

## WELCOME

### PRESERVICE SONG - "I Will Celebrate" Psalm 63:4

1, 2 I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord

4, 6, 7 Sing to the Lord a new song  
I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord  
Sing to the Lord a new song

3, 5 With my heart rejoicing within  
With my mind focused on Him  
With my hands raised to the heavens  
All I am worshipping Him

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted*

**P** By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

**C** **God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

**P** Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

**C** **The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.**

**P** As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

**C** **reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
**C** and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**P** God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

*A time of silence.*

**P** God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.

**C** Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.

**P** “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

- P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,  
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## OPENING SONG – “Cornerstone”

- 1      My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name
- 2      When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil
- 3, 5    Christ alone, Cornerstone  
6      Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all
- 4      When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless I'll stand before the throne

## FIRST READING

*Revelation 15:6-7*

*(In a vision, John sees an angel who declares to all peoples and nations, “Fear God and give Him glory.”)*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 3:19-28*

*("We are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus".)*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation 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. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Luke 12:32*

**P** Alleluia. Fear not, little flock

**C** for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

*(Jesus declares that to believe in Him is to be truly free.)*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, *"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.



## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **A basket** is available in the narthex as you exit.

2. Please **send** your offerings to

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3. Give through our **website**:

<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>

**Electronic Funds Transfer - Sign up through the church office.**

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

## OFFERTORY - "Make Me a Servant" John 13:14-16

1, 2, 3      Make me a servant, humble and meek  
              Lord, let me lift up those who are weak  
              And may the prayer of my heart always be  
              Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today  
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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, sustain Your Church. Deliver her from error and preserve in her the proclamation of Your Gospel, that it would resound to every nation, tribe, people and language and that all may fear and give You glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all ministers of Your Word. Help them rightly to preach Your Law so that all are held accountable to You without excuse and joyfully proclaim Your Gospel, that all would know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, look with compassion on all who are blind to the bondage of their sin. Open their eyes by the words of Jesus, and grant them the true freedom of sonship and a permanent place in Your household. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all civil authorities, especially our president; Congress; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect them from the temptations that beset their offices, and grant them wisdom and courage to serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, be near to all who cry to You for healing of body and soul [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them release from their afflictions according to Your will. Sustain their hope in the full and final healing that awaits them at the day of Christ's appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them, and bring us at last to our heavenly home to see our Redeemer face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C** Amen.

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,”  
“Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.*

## **CLOSING SONG - "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Psalm 18:2**

- 1     A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing  
      Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing  
      For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
      His craft and power are great and armed with cruel hate  
      On earth is not His equal
  
- 2     Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing  
      Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing  
      Don't ask who that may be, Christ Jesus, it is He  
      Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same  
      And He must win the battle
  
- 3     And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us  
      We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us  
      The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him  
      His rage we can endure for lo, his doom is sure  
      One little word shall fell him
  
- 4     A mighty fortress  
6,7   A mighty fortress is our God  
      A mighty fortress  
      A mighty fortress is our God
  
- 5     That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth  
      The spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth  
      Let goods and kindred go this mortal life also  
      The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still  
      His kingdom is forever

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