



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, October 26, 2025 – 11:00 AM

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REFORMATION (Observed)

(Series B)

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, 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

In our fallen humanity, we resist the reality that God is our mighty fortress, “our refuge and strength” (Psalm 46:1). We allow our fears to cause us to freeze when nations rage, mountains are moved, and waters roar and foam. We become afraid when life is not playing out the way we had planned. Our fears do not change the fact that “the LORD of hosts is with us.” Our God baptizes us in the river of life and promises us a place where “there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.” This paradise and God’s ever presence are ours because of Jesus.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

For 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. *Romans 3:23–24*

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 – “Let It Fade”

- 1 Have you been walking on a surface that's uncertain?
Have you helped yourself to everything that's empty?
You can't live this way too long
There's more than this, more than this
Have you been standing on your own feet too long?
Have you been looking for a place where you belong?
You can rest, you will find rest
You can rest, you will find rest
- 2, 4 Let this old life crumble, let it fade
6 Let this new life offer be your saving grace
Let this old life crumble, let it fade, let it fade
- 3 Have you been holding on to what this world has offered?
Have you been giving in to all these masquerades?
It will be gone, forever gone
It will be gone, it will be gone
- 5 Are you carrying the weight too much?
Are you running from the call?
Let it fade
You can rest, you will find rest
You can rest, you will find rest
- 7 Let this old life crumble, let it fade
Have you been standing on your own feet too long?
Have you been looking for a place where you belong?

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
C Almighty God, You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to the so-called wisdom of the world. We resist the reality that, in Christ, we are free indeed when we use our law-keeping as a measure of our standing with You. We resist the reality that You are with us when we celebrate Your works as our own. Still our selfish nature and forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. Gladden our hearts and set us free.
- P** The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- P** Lord, have mercy on us.
C Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, our very present help in times of trouble, still our restless souls and gladden our hearts with the joy that is ours in Your Son, Jesus, 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 - "Build My Life"

- 1, 4 Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh we live for You
- 2, 5 Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh we live for You
- 3, 6, 9 Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me
- 7, 8 I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

(Fear God and worship Him.)

- L** 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. And he said with a loud voice,
- C** **"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.**

PSALM

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

P ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

P ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
C **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P ³though its waters roar and foam,
C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

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

P ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**

P ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

P ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**
he burns the chariots with fire.

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

P ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

(All have sinned and are freely justified by God's grace.)

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

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For 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

(It is only through Jesus that we become free.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
- P** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, *"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*
- C** 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'?"
- P** Jesus answered them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 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. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Revelation 14:6 – “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.” During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

OFFERTORY - "He is Our Peace" Ephesians 2:14-15

1, 3 He is our peace, who has broken down every wall
 He is our peace, He is our peace
 He is our peace, who has broken down every wall
 He is our peace, He is our peace

2, 4, 5 Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you
 He is our peace, He is our peace
 Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you
 He is our peace, He is our peace
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BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

P Lord, we seek your Blessings on these Quilts as they are distributed to people less fortunate than we are and those in need of comfort. May each recipient realize that someone cares for them. We thank you for the ladies that have contributed to these projects with ingredients, the sewing, the tying, and the finishing. Now we ask that you protect and guide those who will deliver them to the people that need them most.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

O Lord of hosts, we give You glory and thanks for being our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, especially on this Reformation festival. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Thank You for the gift of Your grace that alone sets us free through the blood of Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Faithful and forgiving God, thank You for bringing us to faith in You. It is through this faith alone that we are saved. Grow us in Your grace and guide us by Your Spirit in living our faith daily. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, You have given us the Word of Life. Strengthen us by Your Word. Lead and guide us by Your truth. Give Your church on earth faithful pastors who preach and teach the Gospel in all its purity. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord Jesus, You are the One who sets us free. In You alone our hope is found. You are our strength and our refuge. Remember all who face adversity of any kind, [*especially...*]. Comfort, strengthen, and heal them by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Preserve Your church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing. To You alone be all glory, now and forever, for You rule and reign as one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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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