



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *Reformation Sunday*

*October 30, 2022*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Today we conclude reading 1 Timothy. The final portion of the book will give us a new perspective on the theme of grace; which is fitting for Reformation Sunday. What is a religion of grace? And what happens when grace is exploited for selfish ends? The early Christians had these struggles and 1 Timothy sought to give them answers.

*Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West  
(For music see Hymn 650 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.**
- 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate're your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
and surely kin to me.**
- 4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt. Music: African American spiritual; adapt. Henry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

## Apostles' Greeting

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.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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.

*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: 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**

*Hymn of Praise* Praise the Lord! O Heavens  
(For music see Hymn 823 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him,  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
praise him, gleaming stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws which never shall be broken  
for their guidance he has made.**
  
- 2. Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;  
never shall his promise fail.  
God has made his saints victorious;  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;  
heav'n and earth, and all creation,  
laud and magnify his name!**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Gracious Father, we pray for the entire church. Fill it with truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error; direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

B: <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 46 (*Read responsively*)

D: Our sure defense,  
our shelter and help in trouble,  
God never stands far off.

**C: So we stand unshaken  
when solid earth cracks  
and volcanoes slide into the sea,  
when breakers rage  
and mountains tremble in the swell.**

D: The Lord of cosmic power,  
Jacob’s God, will shield us.

**C: A river delights the city of God,  
home of the Holy One Most High.**

D: With God there, the city stands;  
God defends it under attack.

**C: Nations rage, empires fall.  
God speaks, earth melts.**

D: The Lord of cosmic power,  
Jacob's God, will shield us.

**C: Come! See the wonders  
God does across the earth;**

D: everywhere stopping wars,  
smashing, crushing, burning  
all the weapons of war.

**C: An end to your fighting!  
Acknowledge me as God,  
high over nations, high over earth.**

D: The Lord of cosmic power,  
Jacob's God, will shield us.

*Second Reading* 1 Timothy 6:2b-21

E: Teach and urge these duties. <sup>3</sup>Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, <sup>4</sup>is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, <sup>5</sup>and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the

right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. <sup>20</sup>Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge; <sup>21</sup>by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith. Grace be with you.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation* (John 8:31-32)

**C: Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading* John 8:31-36

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

*Children’s Sermon*

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day* Fight the Good Fight  
(to the tune *Old Hundredth*)

1. **Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
your joy and crown eternally.**
2. **Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up your eyes, and seek his face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
3. **Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life, and Christ your love.**
4. **Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;  
he changes not who holds you dear;  
only believe, and you will see  
that Christ is all eternally.**

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

*Apostles' Creed*

P: We confirm our faith with 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 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 of the Church

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: We share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

† MEAL †

Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord

*For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal*

**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 dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**



Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Gracious God:

**C: 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.  
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus of Nazareth; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with church of yesterday, today and tomorrow; and the church here in this place and all churches throughout the world, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(Isaiah 6:3, spoken)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. We use wheat bread and wine for communion. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer instead of bread please tell the communion assistant. Also, if you prefer grape juice to wine, it is available pre-filled in the individual glasses. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**522** *Immortal, Invisible (Red Hymnal)*

**487** *What Feast of Love (Red Hymnal)*

Communion Blessing *After all have communed the pastor will say:*

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

F: Let us pray:

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.**

† SENDING †

*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 Hymn* A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
(For music turn to Hymn 504 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**
  
2. **No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**
  
3. **Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage,  
In battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

4. **God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God him-self fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Mary Zuege
Communion Assistant	Greg Zuege
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Pie Sunday

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 6**

Greeters and Ushers	Gary Wood
Acolyte	Owen Young
Altar Care	Helen Crown
Communion Assistant	Sue Kaufmann
Counters	Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up!</i>

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