



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *Reformation Sunday*

*October 27, 2019*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ – the good news – that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

*-Sundays and Seasons 2019*

### *Welcome to worship today!*

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

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

# † 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, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.  
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise* Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
(For music turn to Hymn 834 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**
- 4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt. Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

*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

<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*)

A: 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.**

A: 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.**

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

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

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

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

A: 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.**

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

*Second Reading* Romans 3:19-28

[Paul writes] 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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

*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 Luke 13:22-30

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>22</sup>Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

<sup>23</sup>Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ <sup>28</sup>There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup>Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(For music turn to Hymn 858 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**  
**O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!**  
**Let all who hear**  
**Now to his temple draw near,**  
**Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.**  
**And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**  
**Have you not seen**  
**All that is needful has been**  
**Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

3. **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.**
4. **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!**

Text – Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878; Tune Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665; arr. Heidi Griffith

*Apostles' Creed*

**A: 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 †

Offering & 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

A: Let us pray: God of life,

**C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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.**

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. (If you need gluten free wafers please ask the assistant distributing bread.) You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. 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

A: Let us pray...

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

†      SENDING      †

Blessing

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;

Jesus the Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;

Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**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!**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's work. Our hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Tim and Liz Brown
Acolyte	Creed White
Altar Care	Helen Crown
Communion Assistants	Tim and Liz Brown
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce Boncke and Art Fields
Coffee Hour	Pie Sunday

Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 3

Greeters and Ushers	Sara DeMuzio and Tricia Kolczynski
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon
Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup and Gary Boisseau
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	
Coffee Hour	Trudy Wyman and Kristi Bullwinkle

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