



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *Reformation Sunday*

*October 30, 2016*

*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 2016*

### *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 Lord I Lift Your Name on High  
(For music turn to Hymn 23 in the Songbook binder)

1. **Lord I lift your name on high;  
Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave up to the sky,  
Lord I lift your name on high!**
  
2. **Show us all your ways, oh Lord;  
Teach us all your paths, oh Lord.  
You're the source of love and light;  
Source of wisdom and of might.  
Create a clean heart in me; renew my soul.  
Cast me not away from you, Support, console.  
I'm so glad you're in my life.  
Lord I love to sing your praise.  
Lord I lift your name on high!**
  
3. **Lord I lift your name on high;  
Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave up to the sky,  
Lord I lift your name on high!**

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## 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:  
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;  
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;  
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
(*A moment of silence for reflection*)

P: God of overflowing grace,

**C: we come to you with repentant hearts.**

**Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.**

**Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.**

**Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.**

**Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.**

**Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,**

**and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, our sins are forgiven and we are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

Hymn of Praise Kyrie Eleison

*"Kyrie Eleison" is Latin for "Lord have mercy."*

(*For music turn to Hymn 19 in the Songbook binder*)

*Refrain*

**Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.**

**Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day**

**1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all.**

**For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain***

**2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the  
hungry and the poor.**

**That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain***

**3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,**

**for friends and family.**

**For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**

- 4. For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives  
in the water and the Word  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**

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*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)

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

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

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

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

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

L: 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.**

L: 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* 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    Rock of Ages  
(For music turn to Hymn 28 in the Songbook binder)

**There is no rock, there is no god like our God;  
no other name worthy of all our praise.  
The rock of salvation that cannot be moved,  
He's proven himself to be faithful and true.  
There is no rock, there is no god like ours. (Repeat)**

**Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.  
Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.  
Rock of ages. Jesus is the rock.  
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.**

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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

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

**C: And also with you.**

A: 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: Merciful God,

**C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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: Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

*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. 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)*

**492** *Eat this Bread (Red Hymnal)*

**704** *God of the Sparrow (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. We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

†    SENDING    †

*Blessing*

P: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with 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	Ivan and Nancy Shuler
Acolyte	Sebastian Plouffe
Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Liz and Tim Brown
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Pie Sunday

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

Greeters and Ushers	Jim and Karen Spawton
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee
Altar Care	Liz Brown
Communion Assistants	Jill Ehrlinger and Sam Stepanovitch
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	Linda Flood

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