

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30, 2022 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader; bold text indicates a congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.



Please leave your offering in the plate at the front of the nave, near the pulpit. If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.

The prelude marks the beginning of our preparation for worship. We use it as a time of silent meditation and prayer.

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

The apostolic greeting quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude The Church's One Foundation

Michael Helman

ENTRANCE RITE

Children's Sermon

We stand as we are able.

Hymn 652 Built on a Rock

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.

2:14).

Gloria



The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.

A psalm is spoken or sung in response to the first reading. Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all 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

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 L A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46:1-7

We chant the Psalm responsively, with the congregation singing the **bold** verses..

¹God is our ref- [|] uge and strength, a very present [|] help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

³though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28 L A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

The Gospel Acclamation is the congregation's response to the announcement and reading of the Holy Gospel. It gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic biblical reading in the liturgy.

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

The Gospel: John 8:31-36

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if

the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Sermon Pastor James Armentrout

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn 665 Rise, Shine, You People

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.



The Apostles'
Creed (which
begins, "I believe...") is traditionally attributed
to the first apostles, working under the inspiration of
the Holy Spirit. It
has been known
to the church
since at least the
fourth century.

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

Creed

- P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.
- 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

The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

Anthem

For by Grace We Have Been Saved



The grace of God is surely all-sufficient for me for the strength of God is always perfect in weakness. When I'm weak, then I am strong, this is God's great gift. Amen.

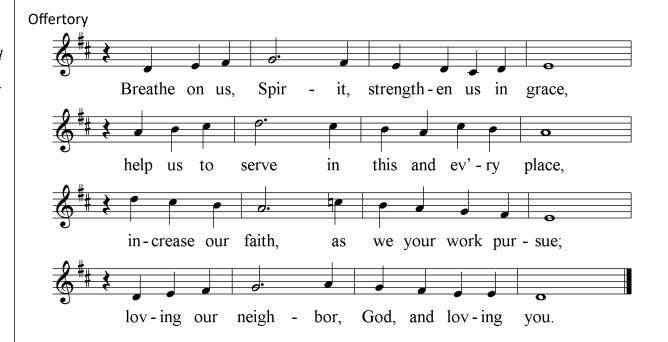
For by grace we have been saved and even faith is not our own, it's the gift of God for us and not the work that we have done. Don't let anybody boast for this is God's great gift. Amen.

This weakness with contentment I'll accept in myself, all my hardships, pains, and griefs that lie deep within myself. When I'm weak, then I am strong, this is God's great gift. Amen.

For by grace we have been saved and even faith is not our own, it's the gift of God for us and not the work that we have done. Don't let anybody boast for this is God's great gift. Amen.



As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.



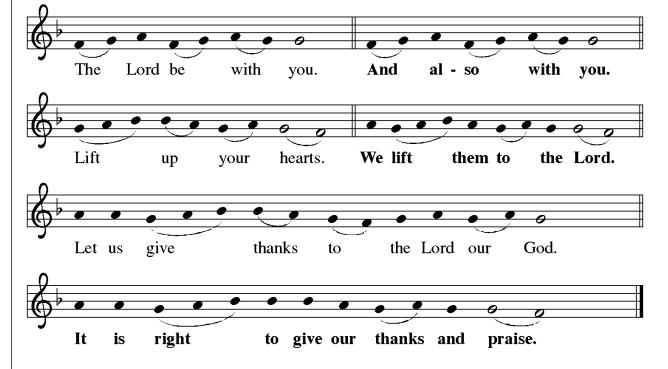
Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part

of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving. Offertory Prayer

- P Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,
- C we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanksgiving Dialogue



The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

The Sanctus echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

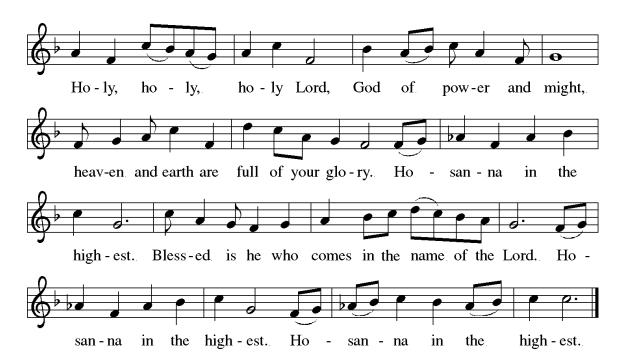
The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending

hymn."

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

The 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.

Cive us this day our deity bread.

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

We are seated.



COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, forming two lines to receive communion at the altar rail. We return to our pews by way of the side aisles.



Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. God of the abundant table,

C 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.
Amen

Blessing

- P The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C Amen

Hymn 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.

Dismissal

- P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

arr. Helmut Walcha

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Barry Kirk in memory of his parents.

| This week at St. Mark's | | | |
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| Sunday, October 26 | 11AM | Worship with Holy Communion | |
| Monday, October 27 | 5PM—7PM | The Lion's Share open | |
| Tuesday, October 28 | | | |
| Wednesday, October 29 | 6:30PM-8PM | Choir Rehearsal (Nave) | |
| Thursday, October 30 | | | |
| Friday, October 31 | 10AM—noon | The Lion's Share open | |
| | 6:30PM | NA meeting (Fellowship Hall) | |
| Saturday, November 1 | 8PM | NA meeting (Fellowship Hall) | |
| Sunday, November 2 | 11AM | Worship with Holy Communion | |

| SERVING IN WORSHIP | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| | <u>Today</u> | Next Week | | |
| Greeter | Harry Brewbaker | Susan Ware | | |
| Lector | MaryAnne Meloy | | | |
| Communion Assistant | Jerry McDaniel & Mary Ann Snider | | | |
| Coffee Hour | | | | |

Attendance Last Sunday 32
Offering Received (Pledges/Loose) \$610.00
Budget (Pledges/Loose) \$3173.00



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