



Reformation Day
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
October 28 & 29, 2017



THE PRELUDE: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word” *arranged by Kevin Hildebrand*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP: *(please stand if you are able)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father who made us; in the name of the Son (+) who frees us from our sins; and in the name of the Holy Spirit who creates saving faith within us.

Congregation: Amen. All praise be to our Triune God! Amen.

P: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

C: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S ABSOLUTION:

P: Let us pray together: **C: Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another. **C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters in the faith, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; therefore I pray You, Lord God, to have mercy on me, to forgive me all my sins, and to bring me to everlasting life.**

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ as His called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE WITH AND GREET ONE ANOTHER.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:46 and Psalm 34*

P: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord, **C: and shall not be put to shame.**

P: I will bless the Lord at all times; **C: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; **C: let the humble hear and be glad.**

P: Come, O children, listen to me; **C: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

ALL: 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

P: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

C: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

(10:30 a.m.) ANTHEM: “The Church’s One Foundation” (arranged by Carl Schalk) *Choir*

THE FIRST READING:

Revelation 14:6-7

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, “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.

THE GRADUAL:

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised **in the city of our God,**
 Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

That you may tell the next generation **that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 3:19-28

Now 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. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—^{the} righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: 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, whom 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. It 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. Then 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. For 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.

(please stand if you are able)

HYMN VERSE: “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” *(LSB 582)*

**God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 8:31-36

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed 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." 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'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 607 "From the Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

(tune "All Glory Be to God on High")

SERMON: "Reformation 500: Confession"

Pastor: Most Gracious Father May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditation of our hearts,

All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen

(Psalm 19:14)

(please stand if you are able)

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 953 "We All Believe in One True God"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends "Lord in Your mercy" and we respond, "hear our prayer.")

HEALING AND COMFORT: Nina Guebert, Willard Uffelmann, Mary Gross, Rich Moeller, C. John Prigge, Iona Burgdorf, Barb Korves, Sue Guebert, Diana Becker, David W. Stellhorn, Matthew Burmester; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Jamie Brandt, Ruth Ann Juelfs, Eric Frazier, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Ethel Montroy, Dwain Schrader, Brian Ulione, Brenda Manning, Bobby Wood, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Michelle Gibbs, Jane Lucht, Caleb Oakley, Jan Kaaz. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

(please be seated)

OFFERING: "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" *arranged by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau*

(please stand if you are able)

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THE PAX DOMINI:

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

C: Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

(10:30 a.m.) ANTHEM: "Jesu, Joy of My Desiring" (arranged by Carl Wacker) *Choir*

960 "Isaiah, Mighty Seer"

804 "O Worship the King"

458 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

(please stand if you are able)

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CLOSING HYMN: 656 "A Mighty Fortress"

THE POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arranged by Johann Pachelbel

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