

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Reformation Day
October 26-27, 2019

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The Festival Order of Worship: A Catechism Service
“Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone”

Prelude: (8 a.m.) “Morning Glory” Bell Choir; (5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) “A Mighty Fortress” J. Pachelbel

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

The Opening Hymn: 655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Our Confession and God's Absolution: (please stand if you are able)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: What are the two parts of Confession?

C: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness.

P: This forgiveness that I, as pastor, speak comes from God Himself.

C: Not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: What sins should we confess?

C: Here before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer.

P: Which are these sins?

C: We must consider our place in life according to God's Ten Commandments.

P: Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude or quarrelsome?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything or done any harm?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: By the special authority of the Office of the Keys which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, I absolve you as you repent of your sins and want to do better and this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day: 656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (based on Psalm 46)

The Collect of the Day: (from Luther's Daily Prayers)

(Saturday- Evening) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (please be seated)**

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(Sunday- Morning) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (please be seated)**

(10:30 a.m.) Anthem: “Christ Is Our Rock” (arranged by Mark Kellner)

Choir

The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I heard 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.”

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able)

The Alleluia Verse: LSB 497

Come, ho-ly Light, guide di-vine, Now cause the Word of life to shine.

Teach us to know our God a-right And call Him Fa-ther with de-light.

From ev-'ry er-ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas-ter be

That we in liv-ing faith a-bide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might con-fide.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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So 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Our Confession of Faith: The Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed and Meaning

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

(please be seated)

The Hymn of the Day: 948 “All Glory Be to God Alone”

The Festival Message: John 8:31-36

The Prayers of the Parish: *(please stand if you are able)*

(each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy,” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Carl Becker, Dorothy Papenberg, Arlin Winkelman, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, Clifford Stellhorn, Curtis Hartmann, Ellery Byer, Larry Ebers, Pastor Russell Koen, Jane Donjon, Julie Ratz, Duane Liefer, Susie Harms, Peggy Sitzes, Roger Kozora, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Henry Hunter, Harlow Leedle, Brett Montroy, Chas Walster, Renee Reed, Bob Schilling, Grace Urspruch, Elda Guebert, Herb Rowold, Leland Stamm, Pat Wilson, Nancy O’Dell, Guy Lautenschlaeger, Ed Kaaz. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure

+thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Erick and Megan (Grohmann) Thien on October 22

+favorable weather for farming, safety in the fields and God’s blessings upon the harvest

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The Lord’s Prayer:

P: Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean?

C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children.

P: Hallowed be Thy name. What does this mean?

C: God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P: Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?

C: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean?

C: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

C: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

P: And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.

P: But deliver us from evil. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

P: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. What does this mean?

C: This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.” *(please be seated)*

Offering: *(8 a.m.)* “The Solid Rock” *Bell Choir;* *(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.)* “Come, Holy Ghost” *J.W. Kerr*

The Sacrament of the Altar: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. Where is this written?

P: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and

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gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

P: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: That person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words, “for you” require all hearts to believe.

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

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” *LSB 434*

**Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer,
Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer.
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o’er us:
Have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus! *(please be seated)***

Distribution Hymns:

Anthem: (8 a.m.) “Song of Joy” *Bell Choir*
(10:30 a.m.) “Remember, Lord, the Times You Called Me” (by. J. Vajda) *Choir*
960 “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”
617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”
556 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Post-Communion Prayer: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Benedicamus and Benediction:

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you (+) and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: “In Christ Alone”

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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The Postlude: “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

arranged by Heinrich Scheidemann

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At the end of 1528 Dr. Martin Luther made a pastoral visitation of the congregations in his area of Germany, Electoral Saxony, that had come out of Roman Catholicism and were accepting the teachings of the Reformation. What Luther found was an ignorance of the basics of the Christian faith on the part of both the lay people and the pastors (former priests). The following year he published books of instruction to teach these basics to the pastors (Large Catechism) for use in their ministry and the lay people (Small Catechism) to use in the home with their children.

The Small Catechism has four sections: The Six Chief Parts includes the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and the Sacrament of the Altar with Luther's explanations to each part. The second section has the Daily Prayers, before and after meals, with morning and evening prayers. The third section contains the Table of Duties, with Bible passages for each area of our life's God-given vocations. The fourth and final section is Christian Questions with their answers for those intending to go to Holy Communion. These few pages serve us still as a good review before we receive the sacrament. The Small Catechism is printed for us on pages 321-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

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