Sunday, October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday
Holy Communion

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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Brief Silence

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might-y for-tress is our God, a sword and shield vic-torious;
No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
Though hordes of dev-ils fill the land all threat-ning to de-
God’s Word for-ev-er shall a-bide, no thanks to foes, who

2 he breaks the cruel op-pres-sor’s rod and ject-ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem-ble not, un-moved we stand; they fear it; for God him-self fights by our side with

3 wins sal-va-tion glo-rious. The old sa-tan-ic foe
God him-self e-rect-ed. You ask who this may be?
can-not o-ver-pow’r us. Let this world’s ty-rant rage;
weap-ons of the Spir-it. Were they to take our house,

4 has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread-ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je-sus, might-y Lord,
in bat-tle we’ll en-gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon-or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a-way,

he arms him-self to fight. On earth he has no e-qual.
God’s on-ly Son, ad-dored. He holds the field vic-to-rious.
God’s judg-ment must pre-vail! One lit-tle word sub-dues him.
they can-not win the day. The king-dom’s ours for-ev-er!

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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.

KYRIE

\(\text{A Kyrie eleison: } \text{G Lord, have mercy.}\)

\(\text{Christ, } \text{have mercy:}\)

\(\text{Lord, } \text{have mercy.}\)
HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: re-ceive our prayer.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth,
and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray.
    Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.
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.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
PSALM: Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
    and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
3 though its waters rage and foam,
    and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
4 The LORD of hosts is with us;
    the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
    the holy habitation of the Most High.
6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
    God shall help her at the break of day.
7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
    God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
8 The LORD of hosts is with us;
    the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
    what awesome things he has done on earth.
10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
    he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the
shields with fire.
11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God;
    I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
12 The LORD of hosts is with us;
    the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

19 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. 20 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.

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

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

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to JOHN, the 8th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

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

C: Praise to you, O Christ.
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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1 The church of Christ, in ev'-ry age be-set by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its her-i-tage and keep on ris-ing from the dead.
bread to eat and nev-er live be-fore they die.
sac-ri-fice, and clothed in Christ’s hu-man-i-ty.
share our bread and feed the starv-ing mul-ti-tude.
out re-serve, and spread his lib-er-at-ing word.

2 Across the world, across the street, the vic-tims of in-justice cry for shel-ter and for

3 Then let the ser vant church a-rise, a car-ing church that longs to be a part-ner in Christ’s

4 For he a-lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fe-ver in our blood, and teach us how to

5 We have no mis-sion but to serve in full o-change, but Spir-it-led, must claim and test its be-dience to our Lord; to care for all, with-
APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
   He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
   He descended into hell.
   On the third day he rose again.
   He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again 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 INTERCESSIONS

A: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.
   Brief Silence
A: We pray for the unity of your church. Free us to be Christ’s one body, graciously receiving his life and boldly offering it to a world in need. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
A: We pray for the renewal of creation: for a shared, plentiful harvest, for lands unable to bear fruit, for what is neglected or destroyed by our hand, and for the earth’s advocates. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
A: We pray for all nations of the world: for leaders of villages, cities, states, and nations, for lawmakers and judges, for teachers and students, and for all who work for peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who seek refuge and strength: refugees, the imprisoned, and those bound by addictions or burdened by guilt. We pray for the ill or injured (especially, Linus Schnarr, Michael Voiles, and for Christians and all individuals who suffer from persecution). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for continual reformation in this and every assembly. In new beginnings, impart wisdom. In established traditions, inspire creativity. In all ministries, revive our hope in the one who makes all things new. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for your saints. United with them in the covenant of baptism, increase our faith in your promised life for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Other intercessions may be added.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.
OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of life,
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.

C: 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.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS
WORD OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
   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.
WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION EXPLANATION
We welcome all baptized believers to take part in Holy Communion. To receive communion please come down the center aisle in two continuous lines. You will first receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available upon request) and then receive a cup containing either red wine or white grape juice (which is located in the center of the tray.) Once you have communed you may return to your seats by the side aisles. If you do not commune you are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion please indicate so after everyone else has communed by raising your hand.

WE PRAYERFULLY LISTEN TO MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P:  May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C:  Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

\[\text{G Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.}\]
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

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The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
Select from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word.
Her character of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
By schisms rent a sunderer, by heresies distressed,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endowed.
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.
BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news.
C: Working to Share God’s Love. Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to St. John’s Lutheran Church and we hope that you will enjoy our worship to God. Please take time to fill out a “St. John’s Ministry Notes” card that is located in the bulletin. Once you have filled that card out please place it in the offering plate. We hope that you will consider making St John’s your worshiping community.

NURSERY: St. John's loves having children in church, but we want parents to know that we do have an unmanned nursery available downstairs in our Education Wing if needed. The nursery is wired for sound so you can still participate in the service. Take the ramp downstairs which is located next to the upstairs restroom. The nursery is located on the left-hand side of the long hallway four doors down.
HEARING DEVICES: St. John's offers "Hearing Devices" to individuals who need them. They are located in a basket in the Narthex. They have been updated and are ready to be used. The batteries are not in the device but are in the basket and need to be installed to use. If you wear a hearing aid you will need to remove it and put the ear bud directly into your ear. You are welcomed to bring your own ear buds. If you have any questions or need any help contact Linus Mann at 812-351-0612. Our Pastor uses a microphone but sometimes extra help is needed to help enhance your worship experience.

Those Serving TODAY October 29, 2017
Worship Leader: Pastor Catherine Burnette
   Acolyte: Blake Broeker
   Reader: Chastity Broeker
Ushers: Kylie Patterson & Kassidy Sendelweck
   Greeter: Norma Mulkey

Those Serving November 5, 2017
Worship Leader: Pastor Catherine Burnette
   Acolyte: Julian Bonner
   Reader: Joe Kendall
Ushers: Christian Mehne & Rhegann Weisheit
   Greeter: Lovella Neukam

Sunday, October 22nd
Sunday School Attendance: 9
Church Attendance: 95
Current: $1,591.00 Goal: $3,314.00
Benevolence: $80.00 Goal: $221.00
Hurricane Relief: $10.00
   Loose: $82.00
Lutheran Child & Family Services: $5.00
Sunday School: $77.00
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday October 29th
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship – 5th Sunday Special Offering
4:00 p.m. Reformation Service at St. Paul’s in Haysville

Tuesday October 31st
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday November 2nd
6:30-8:00 p.m. All Ministry Teams meeting

Sunday November 5th
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship – Thankoffering Sunday, All Saints Sunday
Christmas Program practice following Worship
5:30-8:00 p.m. Family Fun Night

NOVEMBER COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Paul Mann, Michelle Bonner, Helen Kendall, Tim Mehne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING: Today is a 5th Sunday when we collect a special offering for the Christ Centered Church in Ntinda, Uganda. Thank you for your support.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On Sunday, November 5th we will be remembering the Saints that St. John’s Lutheran Church lost since last All Saints Day. Please keep each of these individuals’ families in your prayers as we honor them on All Saints Day. Mildred Baer, Wilma Schnarr, Geneva Himsel.
**ALL TEAM MEETING:** The first All Ministry Team meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2\(^{nd}\), 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The focus of the meeting will be to get a BUDGET together for 2018 and to organize what your team will be doing in the next few months. We need representation from FACILITIES, OUTREACH, EDUCATION, WORSHIP and PARISH LIFE. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and at the beginning of the meeting Pastor Catherine will be talking briefly about what your team needs to do.

**THANKOFFERING SUNDAY** is November 5\(^{th}\). We are asking for donations of fresh produce to decorate the thankoffering table. Please drop off your produce by Friday, November 3\(^{rd}\). Also, please bring your donations for Food Bank Sunday on November 5\(^{th}\).

**COOKIES FOR DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY MEAL:** Reminder to those who have agreed to donate cookies, brownies or other sweets, please place your donation in the kitchen or on the pew outside the Conference Room by November 5\(^{th}\).

**125\(^{TH}\) ANNIVERSARY CROCKS** and lids are still available for purchase. If interested call Doris Eck at 812-482-7200.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** St. John’s is hosting a Family Fun Night on November 5\(^{th}\) from 5:30-8:00 p.m. There will be chili and s’mores by the fire. Other area ELCA congregations have been asked to bring chips, drinks and dessert. Please bring outdoor games like CORN HOLE to share and your own lawn chairs and blankets. The Hayride will start at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for all to sign if you are planning to attend. We need an approximate number in order to have enough food available for all to enjoy. Please sign up by October 29\(^{th}\).
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It is that time again that we pack up boxes for children overseas to enjoy a wonderful Christmas. This year our goal is 45 boxes. Boxes are available in the Narthex. Please return them by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th. **THIS YEAR PLEASE DON’T INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY.** Thank you for your amazing gifts. REMEMBER TO PUT $9.00 in the box to pay for the shipping costs.

**A 500TH CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION** will be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Haysville today at 4:00 p.m. After the worship service a reception will be held in the fellowship hall of the church. Those who plan to attend are asked if they can to bring a finger type food to serve at the reception. Meatballs, cheese balls, fruit trays, vegetable trays, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Table service and drinks will be provided by St. Paul’s. Bring the items to serve to the fellowship hall before the service. *Thank-you from the Parish Life Team.*

TIME CHANGE: Remember that daylight saving time ends November 5th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: A date has been set for our 2017 Christmas program, Sunday night December 10th at 6 p.m. Practices will be Sundays following Worship beginning November 5th. Following the program there will be fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to sponsor a table please let Audrey Weisheit know. 812-661-2414

SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FUN: On Sunday, November 12th at 9:00 a.m. the Sunday School will host Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about Thanksgiving and there will be a fun Thanksgiving craft for the children and adults too. We hope you can make it. Everyone is welcomed.
Working

to
Share God’s Love

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