



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

November 8, 2020

Celebrating Reformation Sunday

Dedication of Crosses

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***C: Amen!***

P. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C. God's love surrounds us every day; our God is merciful and gracious.

P. Turn your backs upon idols, worship the Holy One of Israel.

C. Blessed are all who stand in awe before God; happy are all who walk in His ways.

P. The love of God has chosen us; the love of God unites us with all His people.

C. God is our judge and our source of life;

P. God is our comfort and our refuge.

ALL. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

GATHERING SONG "A Mighty Fortress"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P: 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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Congregational response: ***AMEN***

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG "Thy Word"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18:

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen

asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R. This is the word of the Lord **C. Thanks be to God.**

LITANY FOR REFORMATION

R. Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.

R. There is one Body and one Spirit;

C: There is one hope in God's call to us;

R. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

C: One God and Father of all.

R. Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

C: And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith.

ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.

R. Here ends the litany. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

R. The Holy Gospel according to St. John 8: 31-36:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ 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'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

R. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLE'S 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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “The Church’s One Foundation”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)

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

P. Let us pray, **C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with “Lord in your mercy”.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

My heart, my heart adores You!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord’s Prayer

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

We welcome everyone to the Lord’s Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(please rise as you are able)*

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING SONG “The Solid Rock”

RECESSIONAL TO PARKING LOT FOR CROSS DEDICATION AND CLOSING BENEDICTION

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**

God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!



- Until we begin taking the offering during the service again don't forget to use the offering plates at the rear of the church. Drop in your offering as you arrive to worship, after Communion, or as you leave after worship. **Thank you and Blessings to all!**
- **Social distancing??** As our attendance grows more toward "normal" we have gone back to seating by rows **but** adding more rows so everyone can choose their "social distancing" by spacing themselves from non-family, etc. Remember we have plenty of masks and hand sanitizer available as well!



- Nov. 11, 18, 25-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- Nov. 12-Small Group Sampler **OPEN TO EVERYONE**, 7 PM 3690 N. Miller St.
- Nov. 15-God's Healing Meal Small Group, 2-3 PM 3007 Van Marter Court
- Nov. 19-Blessed and Unstoppable Small Group meets at IHOP 5:30
- Nov. 21-WOW Brunch Potluck 11-1 at church-all women invited!
- Nov. 22-Thanksgiving Worship with guest Pastor Brandon Scroggins and Thanksgiving Dinner to follow
- Nov. 29-**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Post Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing His praise
tell ev-ery-one what He has done
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice
and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is-es
and leads His pe-ople forth in joy
With shouts of thanks-giv-ing
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing.
Our helper, He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe,
Dost seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On Earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He.
Lord Sabbaoth His name.
From age to age the same.
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him-
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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Thy Word

Chorus Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

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The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee

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The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
Chorus On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Interlude
When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
Chorus (x 2)

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