

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Reformation Sunday
Saturday, October 25, 2025 @ 5pm
Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 8:30am, Live-Streamed

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn #229

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble now, unmoved we stand; They cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, You have made a new covenant with us and written it on our hearts.

Forgive us when we replace Your Word of truth with our own understanding.

Lord Jesus, we are saved by grace through faith in You alone.

Forgive us when we think that our works have any worth in justifying our lives.

Holy Spirit, You have revealed to us the truth and the truth will make us free.

Teach us to continue in Your Word as Your disciples, to take courage in Your truth, that our convictions may align with Your will and we may know Your freedom as servants of Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, came to shepherd His people and die for our sins, that we might believe in Him and have eternal life in His name. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is a gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) The Holy Spirit has called, gathered, enlightened, sanctified, and kept you in the one true faith. All those who truly repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ, in Jesus’ name your sins are forgiven. God has claimed you as His own, that you may continue in His Word, and know the truth, for the truth will make you free. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, 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 peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR’S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

OT p. 721

A New Covenant

³¹ The 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.

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

NT p. 1028

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. 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.

Righteousness through Faith

²¹ But now, apart from the 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.

²⁷ Then 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.

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

“In This Hour”

**Sorenson
Saving Grace Choir**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

p. 83

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

NT p. 977

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says “Glory to you, O Lord”)

True Disciples

³¹ Then Jesus 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’?”

³⁴ Jesus 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.”

*(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, “**Praise to you, O Christ**”)*

SERMON

“Here I Stand”

Pastor David Irgens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” Hymn #230

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"**Hymn #369**

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 ev'ry 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 ev'ry grace endued.
Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 46 *God's Defense of His City and People*

To the leader. Of the Korahites.

According to Alamoth. A Song.

¹ God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should

change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³ though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

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