



Concordia Lutheran Church

October 29, 2017

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(Let us stand and turn to face the processional cross)

REFORMATION DIALOG

Blessed be God: The Father (+), Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith. Amen.

(A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31, the 31st chapter) “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon 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.

Amen.

(we sit)

CHILDREN'S WELCOME SONG "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (sung by the congregation)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children 2 years old to 2nd grade may attend Children's Church)*

PSALM 46 *(read responsively)*

(LEADER) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though Its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

(PEOPLE) **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

(leader) The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.

(people) **"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(we stand)

GOSPEL HYMN "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

*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 time shall last Your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON**"Give Me A Word"****Pastor Ken Reed**

(John 8:31-36) "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciplines, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

SONG OF THE DAY**LBW # 365*****"Built on the Rock"*****PRAYER LITANY FOR THE COMMITMENT TO GOD'S WORD**

Let us pray. Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold so dear. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in daily prayer, so that we may pray for your world, your church, and your people. Center us on the needs of the sick, the elderly, the lonely, the distressed, the confused, and the hurting. Use us as instruments of your grace in the world.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in the mission of the church.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

OFFERING**ANTHEM*****"God Is Our Refuge"*****Chancel Choir**

(we stand)

OFFERTORY

*Come, you thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in; Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker does provide; For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Together, as God's thankful people, let us pray.

God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we offer you this morning, we praise you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

Send the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, that as your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in his body and blood. Hear us as we 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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

(we sit)

COMMUNION HYMN LBW # 320 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(we stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Almighty God, you gave your Son as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING SONG LBW # 551 "Joyful, We Adore Thee"

BENEDICTION & SENDING

The God of all grace (+) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace. And share Christ with the world.

We will! Thanks be to God!