

1st Sunday of End Times (Reformation) October 30 & 31, 2016

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- ✦ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ✦ We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✦ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ✦ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- ✦ For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

Worship Participants

LiturgistPastor Brian Adams
Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen
Adult Choir DirectorMrs. Marie Becker

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Today we celebrate the festival of the Reformation of the Church. What does this mean? It means that today we remember why we're called Lutherans.

The effect of the Lutheran Reformation on the history of the world can hardly be overstated. It has proved to be one of the great water-shed moments in history. In fact, when US News and World Report ranked the most important events of the last 1000 years, the Lutheran Reformation placed second, right behind Gutenberg's movable type printing press. Now consider that for a minute... That means they considered the Lutheran Reformation to be of greater significance than the discovery of the New World (number three on the list).

But why? And who was this Luther guy? He was a monk, a priest, and a professor at a little university in Wittenberg, Germany. Why would a guy like that be listed as the third most influential person of the last 1000 years (1000 Years and 1000 People, *Gottlieb and Bowers*)? More important than Einstein, Edison, or George Washington?

Why? All for the reason we call ourselves "Lutheran" and celebrate this Festival of the Lutheran Reformation.

During the dark days of the Middle Ages, the truth of God's Word was hidden away in monasteries. The Church of that day was not teaching that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection. Instead, people were told that they needed to try and earn their way to heaven - or worse, that they had to buy their way into heaven. The truth of God's Word was rejected, and the traditions of men put in its place.

Dr. Luther changed all that on October 31, 1517, when he nailed the 95 Statements for Debate on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He said that the Bible should be our only source of teaching, not man-made traditions. He showed that God saved us by grace alone, by faith alone. He returned the Bible into the hands of the people and quite literally changed the world.

Today, we are not here to celebrate a man. We're here to celebrate the grace of God who reformed his Church, and brought back the pure and simple teaching that had been lost: Jesus Christ died and rose for me, so I will be in heaven forever. Period.

By Grace Alone. By Faith Alone. By Scripture Alone.



THE OPENING HYMN“Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give”
Christian Worship #542

Musical notation for the hymn "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give". The melody is in 4/4 time, starting on a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in three parts: 1. Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to; 2. They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your; 3. When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their. The lyrics continue: you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to; Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and; sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns; serve you, Lord, They go to share your; make them strong To heal sin's ills, to; what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,; liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -; right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and; Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment; claim That all may know your sav - ing name.; wave, And might - y is your arm to save.; seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Please stand

THE INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”
Christian Worship #376, vs. 1,2,6

Musical notation for the hymn "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness". The melody is in 3/4 time, starting on a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Je - sus, your blood and right - eous-ness My beau - ty; Bold shall I stand in that great day - Who can a; Je - sus, be wor - shiped end - less - ly! Your bound-less; are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in; word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -; mer - cy has for me, For me and all your; these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.; solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.; hands have made, An ev - er - last - ing ran - some paid.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on 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.



Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM (SUNDAY ONLY)**O God, Our Help In Ages Past”**
Arranged by Dave and Jean Perry

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

*A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home. Amen! Amen!*

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

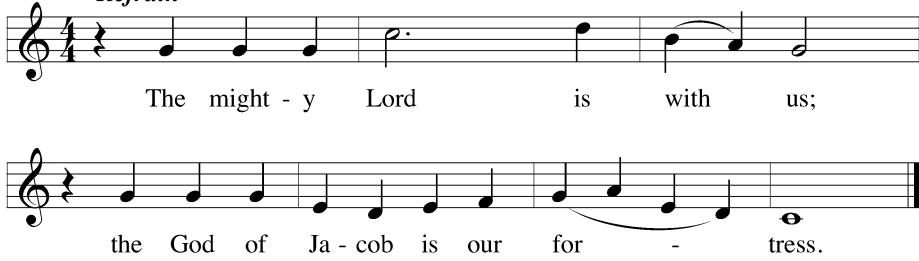
“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.
³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.
“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.
“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 46

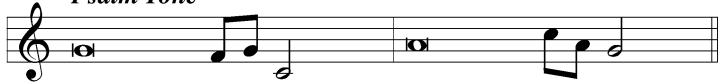
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Refrain



The mighty Lord is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm Tone



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.

Refrain

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.

“Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 3:19-28

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY (SUNG BY ADULT CHOIR)

Alleluia! If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia! (*John 8:31,32*)

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



Please be seated

*If you continue
IN MY WORD*



*you are truly
MY DISCIPLES*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Christian Worship #201

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y

shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry
loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant
to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no
thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the

need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The
one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You
ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This
plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And

old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—

Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is
Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is

fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
done! One lit - tle word can fell him.
won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

THE SERMON John 8:31-36

Please stand

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

THE LORD’S PRAYER

M: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray as Christ our Lord taught us.

C: **Our Father in heaven,**

M: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

C: **Hallowed be your name.**

M: God’s name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.

C: **Your kingdom come.**

M: God’s kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

C: **Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

M: God’s good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

C: **Give us today our daily bread.**

M: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

C: **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

M: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

C: **Lead us not into temptation.**

M: God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

C: **But deliver us from evil.**

M: In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

C: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

M: We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so."

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



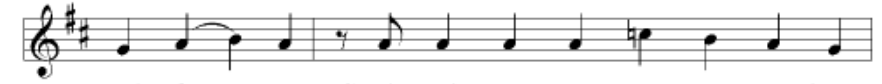
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CLOSING HYMN "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

Christian Worship #390



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem
de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WLHS WOODWIND ENSEMBLE: The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Woodwind Ensemble will join us in both of our worship services next Sunday, November 6th.

PRAYERS: We ask that you please remember in your prayers the family of Sue Herriges on the 10th anniversary of the Lord calling her husband, Harlyn, to his heavenly home on November 3rd, 2006.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS: We've begun our Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class at 9:15am. We are looking at God's Grace. Grace – it is a word that we use all the time. It is God's undeserved love. God's Grace changes our hearts so that Christ will live in us. The themes for each week are:

Lesson 1 – The Grace-Shaped Life

Lesson 2 – Jesus Stooped Low to Take Our Place

Lesson 3 – You Can Rest Now

Lesson 4 – The Gift of Wet Feet

Lesson 5 – Coming Clean Within Grace

Lesson 6 – Chosen to a Guaranteed Place

Lesson 7 – Sustaining and Sufficient Grace

Grab a donut and a cup of coffee and join us for bible study.

“THE STORY” BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, November 12th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: “The King Who Had It All”.

GREETING CARDS: Did you know that we have greeting cards for sale in the multi-purpose room? The cards are sponsored by the members of Mary Martha and the proceeds go to support various mission projects.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: November 3rd & 17th, December 1st & 15th, January 5th & 19th, February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

EASTERN REGIONAL CHORAL FEST: Luther Preparatory School is hosting the 2016 Eastern Regional Choral Fest on November 11th – 13th. The Pops Concert is Friday, November 11th at 7:00 PM. The Sacred Concert is Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 PM. Both concerts are in the Luther Prep gymnasium.

WLHS SALUTE WITH FRUIT: The Student Council of Wisconsin Lutheran High School is once again offering fresh citrus from Florida. All proceeds from this sale go towards funding Wisconsin Lutheran's annual Veterans Day service. **The deadline for ordering fruit is Wednesday, November 9. Fruit pick-up will be in mid-December at Wisconsin Lutheran High School.** To place your order, complete the form located on the narthex counter, or contact a WLHS student from your church. Online ordering is also available at www.wlhs.org.

WLHS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Friday, November 11. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary breakfast buffet that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:00 a.m. To RSVP for the breakfast, please complete the form located on the narthex counter or contact Heidi Witz at planner@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004. Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the main gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. entitled “Remembering the Forgotten War: Korea, One Man's Story.” The presentation will also be streamed live online the day of the event. For more information go to www.wlhs.org/news.

WLHS DRAMA PRODUCTION: Enjoy the classic story *Anne of Green Gables*, by L.M. Montgomery, presented by Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Friday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 6, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 17, and cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 3-8th grade). Seating is general admission. To order tickets, visit wlhs.org, or call [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567). Tickets will also be sold at the door. Before the Friday, November 4th performance, you can also enjoy the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 PM (Tickets sold at the door - adults \$10.00, children \$7.00, under 3 are free).

COLORS OF CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting their annual Colors of Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Admission is \$3.00, with all proceeds going to support the Girls Dance Team and their trip to Nationals this winter.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (October 30 & 31)

- 8:00 AM** – Randy & Nancy Willms
- 10:30 AM** – Steve & Irva Baade
- 6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (November 6 & 7)

- 8:00 AM** – Donn & Denise Johnson
- 10:30 AM** – Gordon & Michele Lesser
- 6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #6 – Andrew Goede, Reed Goede, Nolan Romeis, Cooper Goede, Zach Matthew, Austin Hennen-Petricek, Dawson Ziegler
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Ian Eppen
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

ALTAR GUILD:

- Oct 26-Nov 1 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Connie Myer
- Nov 2-8 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Connie Myer

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 30

- Worship Service8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Bible 3019:15 AM
- Sunday School9:15 AM
- Worship Service10:30 AM

Monday, October 31

- Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 1

- Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, November 2

- Board of Education 6:30 PM
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 3

- Preschool Power Hour10:45 AM

Friday, November 4

- School Devotion8:30 AM

Sunday, November 6

- Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Bible 3019:15 AM
- Sunday School9:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

- Attendance: 8:00 AM – 152, 10:30 AM – 196, 6:30 PM – 39
- Total Attendance – 387
- Sunday Bible Class – 35, Sunday School – 15
- Saturday Bible Class – 12
- Bible 201 Class – 7