



Reformation Day

October 31, 2021

10:30am Livestream

St. Luke Lutheran Church
4595 SW California St.
Portland, OR 97219
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Gathering

Prelude: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah) *CWM RHONDDA*
St. Luke Ringers: Tim Grabe, Susan Westin, Kristi Baack, Susan Johnson, Chris Ulmer, Amy and Landon Gantt,
Dan Hibbett, Tom Skyler (organ handbells), Molly Wheeler on keyboard trumpet

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the + holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,

God's love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as God's people

who will always be made new,

in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Red Hymnal no. 504

Apostolic 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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Anthem:

“A Mighty Fortress” by Christy and Nathan Nockels

Rejoice Choir

The Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Dean Gustafson, reader

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. ³² It 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. ³³ But 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. ³⁴ No 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.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Ray Laurence, reader

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **“God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”** Red Hymnal no. **509**

Gospel: John 8:31-36 Pastor Patti Welch

³¹ Then 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon Pastor Patti Welch

Hymn: **“O Word of God Incarnate”** Red Hymnal no. **514**

Prayers of the Church Prayer Leader: Marilyn Simmons

Response: Lord, in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy Communion

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 our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion Hymns:

"Lamb of God"

Red Hymnal p. **112-113**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

Red Hymnal no. **515**

Musical Reflection:

Tom Skyler, organ

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we
may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Connect: The **2022 ELCA Youth Gathering** will be held on July 24-28 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is an incredible event that brings 30,000 Lutheran youth together to worship, serve, and connect with each other and the ministries of the wider church. St. Luke is excited that SLY (and current eighth graders) will have a chance to participate. We are asking that **registration for the Youth Gathering be completed by Sunday, November 7**. Please ask Beckah Selnick for registration forms and more detailed information by emailing: highschool@stlukechurch.com.

Connect: Sunday, November 7th is All Saints Day, where during worship we have the custom of reading aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. If you would like to have a person named in worship, please contact the church office at office@stlukechurch.com or (503)246-2325 by Wednesday, November 3rd.

Serve: Help people to hear and see in worship! Join our AV team! (It's easier than you might think – because you will be well-trained!) Training takes place in small co-horts and in two 2-hour sessions. Please let us know whether you'd be available for training on Saturday or Sunday afternoons: <https://forms.gle/sNP9f1WjWLhnuVESA>

Serve: Calling all artists, crafters and bakers! St. Luke needs your gifts to be part of a **Holiday Neighborhood Bazaar**, which will take place Sunday, December 5th from 3-5pm. If you're interested in selling your wares or baked goods, contact Dorene Mollenhauer at (503) 475-6701 or dorenem29@gmail.com by **Monday, November 8!**

Benediction

Sending Song: **“Son of God, Eternal Savior” (vs. 1,4)** Red Hymnal no. **655**

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

Postlude: **“God of Grace”** by Paul Manz Tom Skyler, organ

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