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**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 25, 2020**

9:30am Livestream

## Gathering

Prelude: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (tune: RHONNDA) arr. Dobrinski

St. Luke Ringers  
Keyboard: Molly Wheeler

Welcome (Announcements)

Pastor Beth Brashear

Table Talk

Martin Luther

Confession and Forgiveness:

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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.**

Gathering Hymn:

**"O Word of God Incarnate"**

Red Book No. 514

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shine on from age to age.**

**The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guide, O Christ, to you.**

**Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old.  
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.**

## **The Word**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Patti Welch

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Tammy Witcosky, reader

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. 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. 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. 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**

Milo Watson, reader

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. 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.

But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 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: **“Thy Word”** by Amy Grant Tom Lynham Family  
**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**  
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**Gospel: John 8:31-36** Where Jesus Stands Pastor Patti Welch

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ 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”?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Sermon” **“A Reformation People”** Pastor Patti Welch

Prayers of the Church Prayer leader: Dan Hibbett  
Vocals: Dan Hibbett, Jonathan Maier, Nancy Storteboom

Prayer Chorus: **“He is Here”** by Paul Baloche and Brian Doerksen

**God is here; Christ is near us, in our hearts, in our lives, in our midst;**  
**God is here; Christ is near us, calling us to trust God’s love.**

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.**

## Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem: **"A Mighty Fortress"** by Christy and Nathan Nockels

Modern Worship Team:

Jim Steele, Molly Wheeler, Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter, Scott Swigart

## Sending

### Ministry Opportunities:

**Connect: Naming the Saints who have gone before.** Send names of family and friends who have died in the past year to the St. Luke office at [office@stlukechurch.com](mailto:office@stlukechurch.com) by Wednesday, October 28th at 3pm.

### Benediction

Sending Hymn:

**"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

Red book No. 504

**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 threatening to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower 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!**

Postlude: "Ein feste Burg"

by Helmut Walcha

Tom Skyler, organ

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