



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020
8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Flowers

The flowers are given in memory of Walter Martin by his family.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Foaming waters and trembling mountains. Raging nations and shaking kingdoms. We are beset by challenges without, by sin and brokenness within. Into this, God speaks: "Be still, then, and know that I am God." We are so trapped that sometimes we can't even see it. We imagine we're free. Jesus, God's Word, speaks: "Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin." Be still and listen. And then, be set free! The great truth of the Reformation is the truth of the whole faith: Jesus is freedom, and freely gifts it to you. As this world rages on, you have the freedom to be still. And you have the freedom to join God's reforming work in the world. As the world swirls and moves, we are with God, the refuge and strength who protects even as God remakes the world.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Reformation Suite

Benjamin Culli

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

ENTRANCE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Concertato by Paul Bunjes



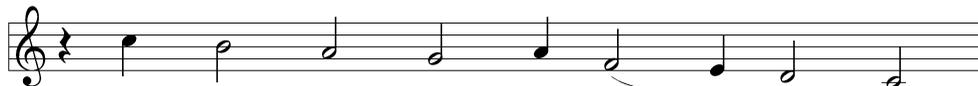
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 Choir 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,



a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;



he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
 for God him - self fights by our side



and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,



with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Je - sus Christ, our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no equal.
 He holds the field vic-torious.
 One lit-tle word sub-dues him.
 The king-dom's ours for-ev-er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

☑ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 ☑ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 4 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church.

Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it;

where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it;

where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it;

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

ANTIPHON: I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.

Michael D. Costello

- L** God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,***
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
- L** though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
- C** **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- L** There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- C** **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;***
God shall help her at the | break of day.
- L** The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- C** **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- L** Come now and look upon the works | of the Lord,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
- C** **It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;***
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.
- L** “Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*”
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”
- C** **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

[St. Paul writes:] 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.

²¹But now, apart from 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.

²⁷Then 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.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 8:31–32

Michael D. Costello

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

℟ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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?’”

³⁴Jesus 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.”

℟ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: A Reforming Fortress

Pastor Dave Lyle
John 8:31–36; Psalm 46

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Concertato by Carl Schalk



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
Choir 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

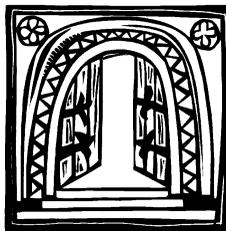


bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868



NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the 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.

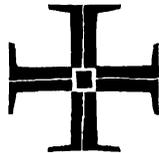
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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.



FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

ANTHEM: When in Our Music God is Glorified

Michael D. Costello

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How oft, in making music we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia, alleluia alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia, alleluia alleluia! Amen.

Fred Pratt Green

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Concertato by David N Johnson



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Reformation Suite
Nun freut euch

Benjamin M. Culli

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, conductor
Jeremy Zimmer, organist
Ann Anderson, soprano
Ellie Anderson, soprano
Kjerstin Anderson, alto
David Anderson, baritone
Douglas Anderson, baritone
Christian Anderson and Candace Horton, trumpeters
Tim Coffman and Brad Payne, trombonists
Tina Laughlin, timpanist
Eunice Eifert, videographer
Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY . . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson
Annalise Balock
Cathy Barker
Ruth Barker
Anne-Marie Bogdan
Ed Borg
Hans Dumpys

Dennis Forgue
Marilyn Gotsch
Carl and Donna Gruendler
David Gruendler
Kathy Hale
Kathy Hayes
Ken Heppner

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Jerry Koenig
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Jennifer Murtoft
Paul Nelson

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Marge Sanger
Pat Scala
Carl Schalk
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Rich and Bonnie Stasack

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)
Valerie Anderson (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)
Bob Andree (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
Vera Leora Barnett (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
James Beglin (*cousin of Cathy Schnittker*)
Ira Birnbaum (*friend of Sandy and David Lentz*)
Stephanie Bogue and Elva (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
Diego Bonilla (*relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)
Elvis Burselson (*son-in-law of Tina Moore*)
Mark Carter (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)
John Cattau (*nephew of Dan Cattau*)
Linda DeMeyere (*friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack*)
Peggy Dickenson (*mother of Paul Eichwedel*)
Jane Duda (*friend of Karen Eckstein*)
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Joan Fudala (*mother of Greg Fudala*)
Ray Garmatz (*son of Margaret Garmatz*)
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Ryan Hall (*nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns*)
Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)
Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)
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Rob Kay (*brother of Tom Kay*)
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Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)
Sally Kindsfater (*sister of Mary Jane Endicott*)
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George Kozuchowski (*friend of Timothy Douma*)
Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
Marty Krueger (*cousin of Irmgard Swanson*)
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Lily (*friend of Carrie Douma*)
Karen Luebbe (*mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel*)
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Jane Martin (*mother of Justin Martin*)
Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)
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MaryJo Meyer (*aunt of Brooke Schedler*)
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Don and John Moehlenkamp (*brothers of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
Robert Neer (*nephew of Roberta Gillespie and Margaret Kruse*)
Joan Nelson (*mother of Julie Modrich*)
Mary Kay Olson (*friend of Paul and Cindy Koester*)
Kathi Parisi (*friend of Debbie Conley*)
Rosie Parker (*mother of Cameron Parker*)
James Pawlowski (*brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples*)
Becky Peterson (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)
Jacob Pletan (*great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt*)
Dorothy Pollett (*friend of Pat Gulik*)
James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
Zach & Ellie Radosevich (*grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba*)
Phillip Rice III (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
Ronald Riley (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Bonnie Robinson (*friend of Julie Hinz*)
Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)
Shirley Moyers Schnack (*sister-in-law of Randy Schnack*)
Linda Schroeder (*aunt of Anne-Marie Bogdan*)
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Janice Wilson (*cousin of Bob Jandeska*)
Fr. Dennis Woerter (*friend of Grace E. Marotz*)
Elise Wojack (*niece of Pat Gulik*)
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Norwood Senior Care

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (*grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Jason Brown (*nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Kari Patzold (*niece of Jim and Sbarman Galezenski*)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes

Christopher Davis

Marie Gierke

Ronald Gresens

Gloria Hillert

Marian Hogue

Carolyn Martin

Joanne Nelson

Barbara Rinnan

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oregon Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

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